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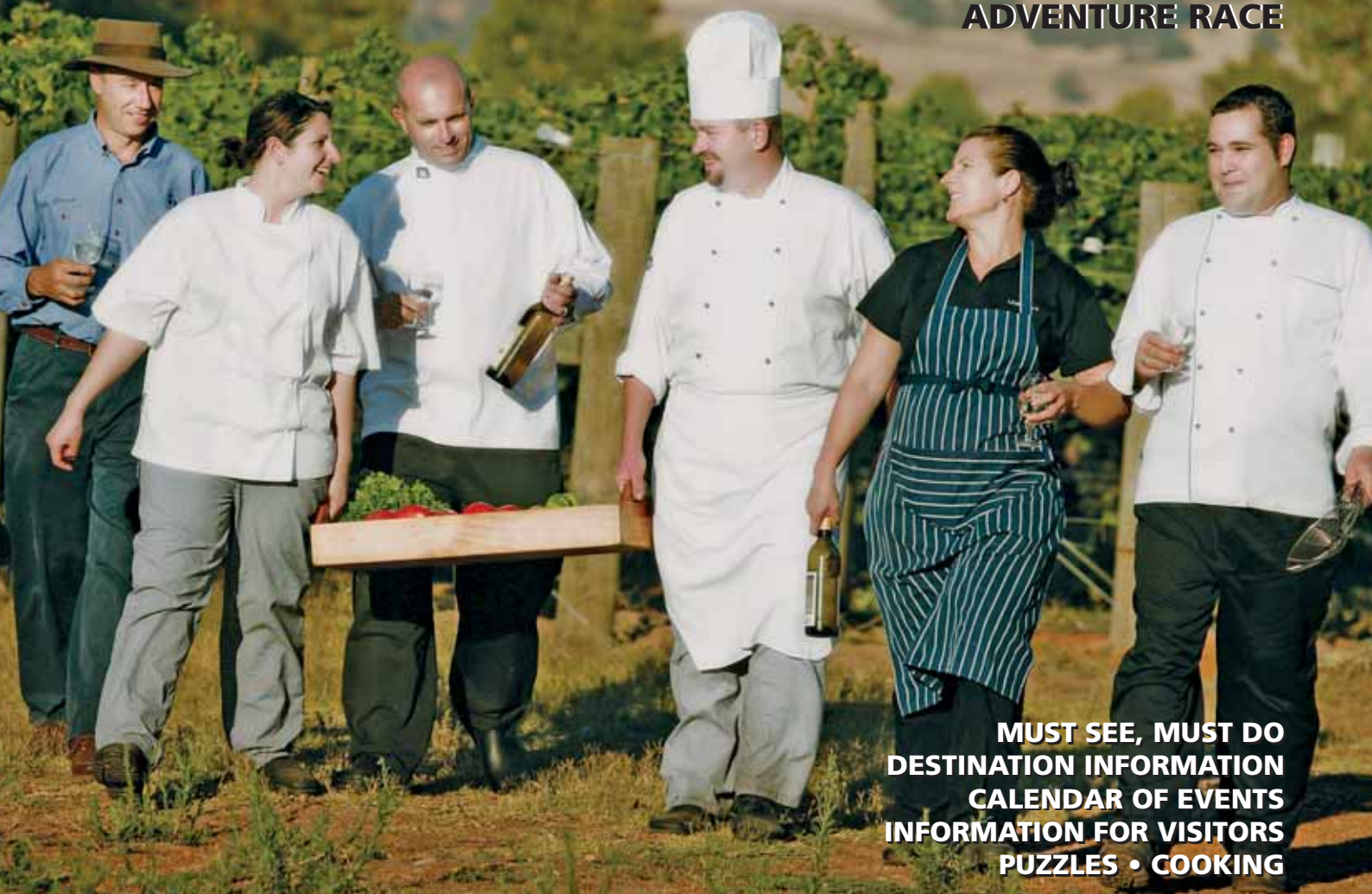
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Foreword from the General Manager

Our focus continues to be on delivering for you a customer focussed, safe and efficient service.

To ensure we continuously improve our service for you, it is essential that we regularly get your feedback, which is achieved primarily through our annual Passenger Satisfaction Monitor (PSM). The PSM ensures we receive an annual update from you with regard to what you think about us and how satisfied you are with many aspects of our service.

This year's PSM is significant in that it will provide important intelligence for a major Customer Service Project being undertaken.

This project will put in place the mechanisms by which Transwa can provide not just great but exceptional service to you, our customers. That is my promise to you, and with it we will achieve our aim to be the leading regional public transport provider in Australia.

Thank you for travelling with Transwa and we hope to see you again soon.

Kim Stone, General Manager

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Spring in the Valley 13-14 October

If it has been a while since you've ventured to the Swan Valley, you're in for a big surprise. The scenic 32km loop that is the region's food and wine trail encompasses more than 150 places to eat and drink including relaxed winery cafes, busy breweries, fine restaurants and many roadside stalls selling just-picked local produce.

The valley has experienced strong growth in recent years – there are now more than 50 wineries in the valley, almost double the number there was ten years ago.

As Western Australia's oldest wine region, set up shortly after the settlement of the Swan River Colony in 1829, the Swan Valley is acknowledged as one of the premium producers of verdelho, shiraz and fortified wines in Australia. The area's reputation as a first-class wine region was forged by waves of southern European immigrants who settled in the valley in the 1920s and then again after World War II. Many wineries are still owned by the same families who established the properties over 50 years ago.

The Swan Valley is the closest wine region to a capital city in the southern hemisphere and is only 20 minutes from the Perth city centre. This makes the valley a perfect place for a day trip or a convenient weekend getaway, allowing you more time to visit the various attractions and less time getting there.

There are a number of festivals held throughout the year which celebrate everything the valley has to offer. Spring in

the Valley is Australia's biggest food and wine festival, with 65,000 visitors taking part in the event last year.

The Swan Valley is a delightful destination at any time of year but, if the area is synonymous with one season, it would have to be spring. Spring in the Valley celebrates the delicious produce of the valley. This year the festival runs from 13-14 October, with 42 participants offering special deals, family entertainment, wine tasting and delicious food. A shuttle bus will run the length of the valley all day, leaving from Midland Train Station, so why not catch public transport?

The Swan Valley is about more than just wine. It has become a central point for everything that is delicious, with breweries, distilleries and numerous restaurants and produce outlets adding other facets.

It is not only wine that comes in red and white in the Swan Valley. German red beer and Belgian white beer are just two of twenty locally-made brews. The strong growth of boutique breweries in Australia has meant that beer is becoming more popular than ever, and the number of different styles makes enjoying the amber nectar a taste experience. Small batches and a swift turnaround mean outlets are always producing a changing array of beers in a wide range of styles. Swan Valley breweries continue to garner international praise, with the valley's organic pilsener and the old fashioned porter being voted the world's best and the Feral Belgium White recently being awarded the 'Champion Specialty Beer' at the 2007 International Beer Awards.

Boutique distilleries are becoming popular and a number of new and exciting ventures have popped up in the Swan Valley over the past few years, producing a tempting array of flavoured vodkas, gins and whiskeys.

The fourth annual Midsummer Feast will be held from 15-17 February, 2008. Although a recent addition to the festival calendar, it has been hailed as a festival for 'foodies', lovers of wine and the arts. Venues host special events showcasing local produce.

Families are also well taken care of with plenty of activities for kids to enjoy – interactions with wildlife, farm animals and reptiles, games to play and parks and playgrounds to explore.

A day in the Swan Valley need not be expensive. With most wineries and food outlets offering free tastings and displays of their produce and many other attractions such as galleries, heritage sites and picnic areas open to the public, you could spend a whole day in the valley without spending a cent. In fact, an itinerary has been developed to guide you around the valley – this can be downloaded from the web site www.swanvalley.com.au.

And if a day is just not enough why not stay a little longer and turn your trip into a delightful weekend getaway. There are many accommodation options, so there is bound to be something for every taste and budget including fun farmstays, cosy chalets and beautiful B&Bs.

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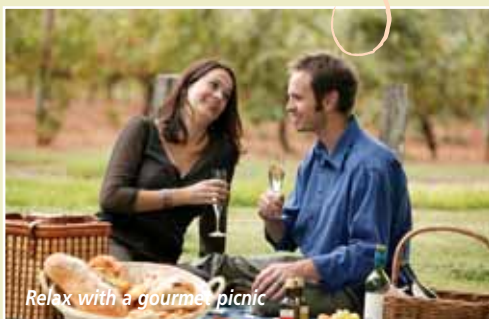
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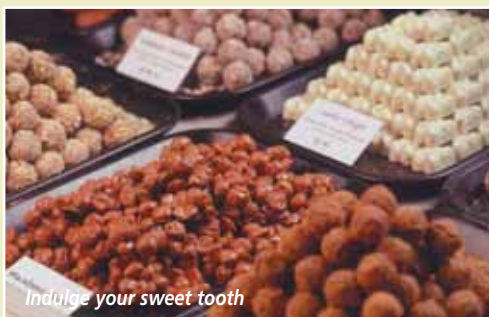
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- **Wine tasting** There are over 40 wineries to visit, from small family-run concerns through to world-famous vineyards. Many have welcoming cellar doors where you can learn about and taste the different wine styles.
- **Microbreweries** There are at least 20 locally-made brews available in the valley.
- **Lunch in style** The multitude of restaurants, cafes and wineries will keep you well fed and watered.
- **World class golf** Feel like an international star while playing a round of golf at The Vines.
- **The Maze** In Bullsbrook you can test your skills against the massive timber maze, then play a round of miniature golf.
- **Relax with a picnic** at one of many beautiful riverside spots or parks. Bring your own or purchase ready-made hampers from local gourmet produce shops.
- **Horse riding** Brookleigh Equestrian Estate can indulge your love of horses with trail rides, picnic rides and more.
- **River walks** Visit Bells Rapids and enjoy a scenic walk along the upper reaches of the Swan River.
- **Whiteman Park** has playgrounds, cycleways and picnic areas and is home to Caversham Wildlife Park, where you can meet new furry friends.
- **Fascinating Guildford** Take some time to stroll through the town of Guildford with its heritage buildings and interesting antique shops.
- **Sculpture Park** Wander through the Gomboc Gallery Sculpture Park, home to the largest private art collection in the southern hemisphere.
- **Sweet treats** Indulge your sweet tooth with treats from the local chocolate and nougat factories.
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- **A taste of outback life** Experience the outback life at The River Retreat with mustering, sheep shearing, working sheep dogs and more.
- **For coffee lovers** Take your coffee seriously at The Coffee Hut, where there are over 40 different flavours available as well as flavoured fudges, cookies and milkshakes.
- **Fresh produce** The variety of produce available in the Swan Valley is almost limitless – recent years have brought several boutique distilleries to the area, producing boutique liqueurs and spirits.
- **Handcrafted pottery** The artisans at Guildford Village Potters create a wide range of original handcrafted, functional and decorative pottery.
- **Stay a little longer** Extend your stay with overnight accommodation at one of the many charming establishments dotted throughout the valley. Every budget is catered for, from luxury B&Bs to family-friendly caravan parks.





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RAILFEST Sunday 14 October

The Rail Transport Museum at Bassendean in Perth's suburbs is Western Australia's premier museum devoted to railway history. It is situated at 136 Railway Parade, only 400 metres east of the Ashfield Railway Station.

The museum was officially opened in November 1974 after five years of preparatory work. CSBP, who had manufactured superphosphate on the site for 60 years, generously donated the land in 1969 in recognition of railwaymen's involvement in the manufacture and distribution of their products.

At the museum there are more than thirty locomotives, both diesel and steam, and numerous other historic rolling stock on display. The oldest locomotive is C1 or Katie, built in the UK in 1880. Katie operated on the first government railway in what was to become the metropolitan area of Perth, between Fremantle and Guildford, from 2 March 1881.

Katie, as depicted in the photograph above, is attached to the bogie AG14 and was beautifully restored by the volunteers at Midland in 2004. AG14 is representative of Western Australia's first bogie-type passenger vehicle.

The museum also houses an exhibition building which was opened in 1979 to celebrate one hundred years of operation of the first government railway from Northampton to Geraldton.

There are thousands of wall-mounted photographs and smaller railway and tramway artifacts on display that depict the building of the railways and consequently the state of Western Australia. These exhibits

win high praise from railway enthusiasts from all over the world and are generally regarded as the best such collection in the southern hemisphere.

The original Australind buffet car is also on display. It was built in 1947 at the Midland Workshops and was hailed as the most modern railway coach of its time. The car is available (day-time only) for kiddies birthday parties and adult meetings by arrangement. Group visits and tours ranging from pre-schoolers to seniors' clubs can also be booked.

The annual open day, Railfest, will be held in the museum grounds on Sunday 14 October from 10am to 5pm. Railfest will host a variety of railwayana and swap meet stalls. Operating diesel locomotives will be on display and the WA Model Railway display will be open. It's a great family day out. Usual entry fees (as below) apply.

The popular Music Under the Stars evening, showcasing blues music and trains will be held in the museum grounds on Saturday evening 1 December. Prices for adults are \$10 for pre-purchased tickets or \$15 at the door. Prices for children are \$5 each and under-4s are free. Exhibits will be open.

The Railway Museum is open on Sundays and public holidays (except Christmas Day and Good Friday) from 1pm to 5pm, and on Wednesdays during school holidays between 1pm to 4pm. Prices for adults are \$5, children 4-14 years are \$2 and under 4 year olds are free.

For more information please call the museum on 9279 7189 or president Jim Oliver on 9276 9001; or look at the website at <http://members.westnet.com.au/rapalmer/arhs/museum.htm>.

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Theatre Royal building, Hay Street Mall

Perth Looks Up *By Susan Hall*

What do you look at when you are walking around in the centre of Perth? Some people look at the displays in the shop windows; others look at the other pedestrians; and still others look at the buskers. However if you only look at those things, you are missing one of Perth's most amazing sights.

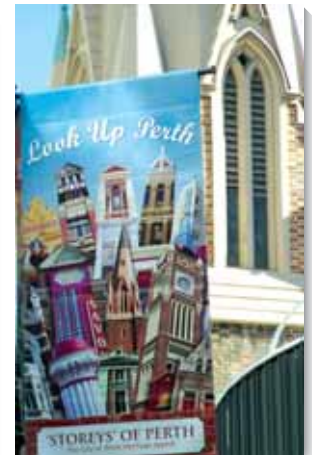
Just look upwards and you will realise that the centre of Perth is filled with interesting and ornate historic buildings. We don't normally notice them because at street level they have modern shop fronts. In fact people often say that all the beautiful old buildings were torn down during the modernisation of Perth in the 1960s and 70s. That's true in some streets, but many others are still lined with heritage buildings.

The City of Perth Heritage Appeal (COPHA), which is a joint initiative of the city council and the National Trust, has recently begun a campaign to open our eyes to these overlooked buildings from the past.

The Look Up Perth campaign was launched on 27 July in the Hay Street Mall during a sunny break between the winter rain showers. A large crowd gathered as street performers on tall stilts emerged from an alleyway next to London Court. The Spanish dancers on stilts very appropriately drew our attention upwards to the balcony of the old Theatre Royal, from which Dr Peter Nattrass, the Lord Mayor of Perth, spoke about the Look Up Perth initiative.

The Lord Mayor said that the buildings in the city can tell us much about the history of Perth. From where he stood, he was looking across the mall at the upper storeys of the Savoy Hotel which was built in 1914. At five storeys high, it was one of the tallest buildings in Perth at that time.

The Theatre Royal was built in 1897 at the height of the goldrush, when Perth was experiencing its first mining boom. During another boom period in the 1930s, mining magnate Claude de Bernales built London Court.





London Court, Hay Street Mall

The chimes of the London Court clock intermingled with the sound of the didgeridoo being played by Richard Walley on the Theatre Royal balcony. Speeches by Richard Offen, the CEO of COPHA and historian Jenny Gregory were followed by more musical performances, and then the release of coloured balloons which rose up in front of the historic buildings in the Hay Street Mall.

These buildings and many more can be discovered on the Look Up Perth self-guided walking trail around the CBD. A leaflet with a map of the trail, showing the location of 13 interesting buildings and explaining their historical significance, is now available. It will help both locals and visitors to appreciate the wealth of architectural heritage just above street level in Perth.

The heart of the walking trail lies in the Hay Street pedestrian precinct, so you can safely stand in the middle of the mall to enjoy looking at the buildings without having to worry about oncoming traffic.

The Gledden Building at the William Street end of the mall is one of Perth's most interesting and yet unnoticed buildings. When it was built in 1938, the Gledden Building was the second highest building in the city. The tower on the roof was lit up with a red light at night, to act as a beacon for planes coming in to land on The Esplanade.

The building's architect, Harold Boas, had travelled extensively in Europe and the US, and incorporated design features from New York skyscrapers. It was a very innovative building for its time with a light well through the centre of the building, rooftop lookout and basement cafe.

Further up Hay Street beyond Wesley Church, the mainly two-storey buildings from the early 20th century have decorative fronts that remind us of an era when even humble shops were built in an extravagant style.

Around the corner in King Street, many of these early 20th century building facades

have been restored to create an attractive precinct. Sensitive conversions of the interiors of these buildings for apartments, offices and restaurants have created a lively atmosphere.

Finding new uses for heritage buildings is one of the aims of COPHA. Richard Offen says, "We want people to look at ways of conserving our heritage properties by making them 'live' again."

The Look Up Perth walking tour brochure is available from the Perth Town Hall, Tourism WA's Western Australia Visitor Centre in Forrest Place, and the City of Perth Information Booth in Murray Street Mall at the entrance to Forrest Place. There is more information about the City of Perth Heritage Appeal at www.copha.com.au.

On the back of the brochure is an entry form for the City of Perth Heritage Appeal Treasure Hunt. Answer the questions, send in your entry by 30 January, 2008, and be in the draw to receive a treasure pack of fun things for all the family to do in Perth.

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Gnome Sweet Gnome – in the Bush *By Colin Kerr*

When you wander down the street and see astronauts, beach bums, buskers, balloonists, cricketers, musicians, hunters, pilots, caravanners, gardeners and others, all within a couple of hundred metres, you realise you have arrived in a most unusual and quite special little town.

This is the scene which greets visitors to Gnomesville, a small, quite shy little community hidden away in Ferguson Valley inland from Bunbury in Western Australia's southwest. Each of the residents here is a gnome with an individual background and its own story to tell.

It all started a few years back when a new roundabout was being built near the timber town of Wellington Mill. There was a good deal of controversy over the cost of construction and, quite mysteriously one night, an unknown resident placed a gnome at the intersection to oversee the project. It seems that this Overseeing Gnome then enlisted the help of others and, under the cover of darkness, more gnomes began to arrive at the roundabout. By the time construction work had been completed the overseers, now relieved of their job, had formed themselves into two football teams and for some time went about playing a game in the centre of the new roundabout.

News of the big game spread and more gnomes began to arrive. When the game was over the participants had become the best of friends and liked their new surroundings so they all decided to stay. The middle of the roundabout wasn't ideal for an expanding population, so they moved across the road to set up home. The bustling community of Gnomesville began to take shape.

Some residents stayed close to the main town centre, some preferred to live along pathways into the bush, some on logs and on fences, others hidden amongst the trees and some took up residence down by a little stream that runs nearby. This is not just a bunch of gnomes standing beside the road, it is a real community of little people going about their business and getting on with their lives, with plenty of activity, industry and recreation taking place everywhere you look.

Attracting plenty of visitors, including regular bus loads of tourists, Gnomesville, it seems, is getting busier all the time. News of the idyllic lifestyle has spread and rarely a week goes by without more residents moving into town. People are encouraged to bring a gnome from their part of the world, write out a little message and leave it there.

With perhaps a thousand or more gnomes, and numbers still growing, a wander around Gnomesville is not only free, but it is also a place where you will certainly have plenty of laughs and giggles.

And why wouldn't you, when you see the little people here with messages like 'Beach gnomer', 'Just gnome'n around in a caravan', 'Gnomosexual', 'Gnome news is good news', 'Gnoming old gracefully' and 'Gnome on the range'. Around the corner there's a 'Gnome for wayward youths', showing their bottoms and there is also a 'Funeral Gnome' where broken gnome bodies can be seen. Some gnomes have been left in memory of loved ones, some have names on them, some have plaques and verses and some are simply gathered around in a group having a chat. Clearly though, they all seem very much at home in their new surroundings!

Elsewhere there are plenty of residents still in the workforce, such as those attending to 'Gnome Improvements' and 'Astro-gnomical gnomes' in a space ship; there are gnomes flying planes and driving cars and don't forget the gnome on security duty – he is, of course, a 'Guard'n Gnome'!

Then there are literary gnomes – 'Gnomeo, gnomeo, wherefore art thou, gnomeo', rock bands like the 'Rolling Gnomes', there's the cast from 'Gnome and Away' or those who are 'gnome sick', 'the misgnomer', the one that was never good at 'gnoman numerals' and, of course, singing gnomes with songs like 'Gnoming in the Gloaming', 'Keep the Gnome Fires Burning' and the tune made famous by John Williamson, 'Give me a Gnome Among the Gum Trees'!

When you're in the area, call in and have a look around, it will be a visit that you'll long remember. Don't forget to bring a gnome, make a wish and, we are told, the little folk here will make sure it is granted. Remember though, don't leave your gnome alone; these little people enjoy company, so put your gnome close to some of the others 'to gnome one is to love one', and of course, 'gnome man is an island'. Be aware, however, that bad luck follows those who steal from the gnomes or hurt them in any way!

Gnomesville is located in the Ferguson Valley. From the small township of Dardanup follow Dardanup Road and signpost pointing towards Wellington Mill, and, closer to the site, Gnomesville signs lead you to 'the Roundabout'. You can't miss the wonderful little community of Gnomesville, in Lazy Hollow approximately 20km from Dardanup. Entry is free. The area is lovingly maintained by local residents.



World Solar Challenge

In 1987, from an idea conceived by Danish born adventurer Hans Tholstrup, purpose-built solar cars headed from Darwin to Adelaide, a distance of over 3000km, in the inaugural World Solar Challenge.

The 2007 WSC is an international event which has attracted 43 entries from 21 countries. The majority of teams are university and corporate entries that have spent millions of dollars on research and development of solar technologies.

This is the ninth World Solar Challenge and it's also the 20th anniversary of the event. Starting in Darwin on Sunday 21 October, teams have eight days to complete the challenge and cross the finish line in Adelaide by 28 October.

In 2003 Leeming Senior High School, lead by teacher and project co-ordinator John Beattie, embarked on the ambitious task of entering a car in the 2005 WSC. The project was designed to allow students from all areas of the school community to contribute in some way. The team sought the advice of the Sungroper Solar Car Association, the only Western Australian team to have previously participated in the WSC.

The Sungroper Solar Car Association offered the Leeming SHS team the use of their solar array which, at a cost of approximately \$30,000 is the most expensive component. In 2005 the Leeming SHS team completely constructed a solar car and adapted the Sungroper's solar array for the new car. The Leeming SHS team was the only Western Australian entry and was the only school in Australia to actually build and then race its own car in the WSC that year.

"Our 2005 vehicle was capable of a maximum speed of 60km/h compared to the Netherlands entry, Nulla III, which averaged

over 100km/h and completed the journey in a little over three days, so we had a lot to learn," said Mr Beattie.

This year the team of students from Years 10 to 12 (pictured above) plus their dedicated support crew of teachers and parents will again travel to Darwin for the WSC.

"The logistics of getting this project off the ground are enormous and it encompasses all sections of the curriculum as we juggle budgets for design and construction, spares, repairs, travel plans, accommodation, trailer and support vehicle hire and living for eight days on the road during the challenge," Mr Beattie said.

"It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to learn many skills, such as project planning, team building and liaising with corporate sponsors and community supporters. In addition to this, they rub shoulders with some of the world's leading physicists and solar energy experts."

Mr Beattie said the 2007 team aimed to be the first WA team to travel the distance powered only by the sun, and without taking advantage of the WSC rules that allows a vehicle to 'trailer' its solar car forward and then set down and allow an accumulation of total solar kilometres travelled.

"Leeming's new solar car should be capable of speeds around 80km/h and our team believes we are ready to tackle the entire run between the two cities on sunshine."

An added bonus will be that many of the students expect to have gained their drivers' licences by October, in time to share the race driving duties.

The school has a dedicated solar car website developed and designed by students, visit www.leeming.wa.edu.au.

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The safari starts in the 'wild west' at Kalgoorlie and finishes with a great night of country music and dancing at the Harvey Dickson Country Music Centre in Boyup Brook. Some highlights include a tour of the famous Langtrees Bordello in Kalgoorlie, Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk near Walpole, a MacKenzie Island wildlife cruise at Esperance, Whale World in Albany and stunning wildflowers at Stirling Range Retreat.

The cost is \$2,450 per vehicle (two people), which covers all caravan park fees, entry into major tourist attractions, some meals, a safari manual with itinerary and maps and a participant welcome pack. A discount of \$100 per vehicle is available for members of the RAC (WA) and other state motoring clubs.

Experienced tour operator Jeremy Perks, who led the first safari, will offer guidance, ensure safety and organise the itinerary and logistics. 'Tail End Charlie' will be a Roadside Assistance Patrolman with the RAC, so there will always be someone right behind you to ensure your safety and attend to any mechanical issues that may arise along the way.

Happy travellers on the inaugural safari, Chris and Lucille Austin (pictured above) said the safari tour concept was brilliant.

"The friendship and camaraderie between the participants was unbelievable and everyone on the tour simply had the most fantastic time. We could not speak more highly of all the people involved with this project. As for value for money, there is no doubt in our minds that it was an absolute bargain!"

"To anyone contemplating joining a future safari tour, we say DO IT! You will have such a fantastic time, meet new friends and do it all in total safety and without having to organise anything – a total stress free holiday!"

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Howzat! Western Australians and Cricket

This marvellous exhibition, which promises to entertain and surprise, has been developed by the WA Museum's staff and is currently on display at the WA Museum – Kalgoorlie Boulder and will tour to the WA Museum – Albany in December.

It will be the first time over 100 Western Australian cricketing objects have been brought together under one roof and visitors will have chance to get close to some personal cricketing memorabilia belonging to greats like 'Gilly, Lillee and Langer'.

From Dennis Lillee's 'combat' aluminum bat, Rod Marsh's cut down wicketkeeper pads and Adam Gilchrist's record making wicket taking gloves, the exhibition has something for everyone.

Howzat! celebrates the history and humour of cricket in WA, looking at aspects on an off the field. Whilst illustrating its humble origins and the

expansion of women's cricket, it also focuses on its role in bringing people and communities together. Cricket is, after all, one of our favourite sports and Western Australians will take the opportunity to watch or play it anywhere, anytime, from the hallowed grounds of the WACA to our backyards, the beach or in schools.

Designed to rekindle great sporting moments, Howzat! also places a large emphasis on fun, giving everyone the opportunity to have a bash!

Visitors will be able to test their own bowling speed at the specially designed Speed Demon Bowling Nets, try their hand at hitting some backyard sixes, have a go at their commentating skills in the Commentator's Box, or just pull up an esky and watch some rare and surprising cricket footage and interviews.

For more information and touring dates go to www.museum.wa.gov.au.



Goldfields Framed Relics

The goldfields ghost town of Kookynie on the Golden Quest Trail is home for local artist Robyn McCarthy. Robyn describes her artwork as 'Goldfields Framed Relics' and explains that each piece is unique and made with found relics representing the historical connection of occasion or purpose.

When the Shire of Coolgardie asked Robyn to make a Goldfields Framed Relic for a raffle to reflect the 100th anniversary of the Varischetti mine rescue at Bonnievale the divers became the central theme. (Pictured above the Shire of Coolgardie Commission, size 700 x 400mm, oregon frame). Robyn was extremely happy when the raffle was won by one of the invited descendants of Modesto Varischetti because it will become a family treasure.

Another commission Robyn made was for a Kalgoorlie real estate business. One internal wall of their historic building features the original brick work with layers of paint and plaster. Robyn used materials such as old whitewashed hessian, canvas, lino, timber and tin to represent the construction materials used for housing and businesses on the goldfields over the last hundred years.

Robyn was given old bank cheques, ink pens and inkwells, newspaper articles, photos and keys for this commission which has a special connection with the wall and is at home blending with the patina of the past. It is very much an organic piece of art and as such will go on living within the confines of its frame for perhaps another century.



Dennis Lillee's first Test boots, reunited for Howzat! Photo: Norm Bailey

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Stars line up for Anaconda Adventure Race

The most exciting mass participation sports event this year returns to Dunsborough and Geographe Bay.

Starters in the Anaconda Adventure Race on November 4 include CEOs of big organisations, Olympic athletes and some of the world's toughest endurance athletes, all looking to share in the \$30,000 of cash and prizes on offer.

The national series of Anaconda Adventure Races includes races in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. The Western Australian location of Dunsborough was chosen for the spectacular landscape and challenging off-road attributes that will tantalise the senses of all competitors.

Busselton Shire, EventsCorp, and the Department of Sport & Recreation have all been instrumental in securing the prestigious event for the region.

As a sport that appeals equally to surf ironmen, triathletes and adventure racers, the Geographe Bay race will see surf ironman

star Guy Andrews returning to defend his crown against a trans-Tasman challenge spearheaded by New Zealand's Adventure Racing world champions Richard Ussher and Gordon Walker. Triathlon supremo Peter Robertston will be making his Adventure Racing debut.

The race will draw athletes from a range of other sports, such as basketball legend Luc Longley, who is competing in a relay team with the objective of having maximum fun.

Average people of every age and shape will make up the majority of the field in the relay teams category, with the youngest competitor 13 years of age and the eldest nudging 70; all will be looking to satisfy their outdoors addiction by taking on the challenging course that comprises a 1.8km ocean swim, 12km ocean paddle, 13.5km trail/coastal run 22km mountain bike and 1.8km beach run to the finish line in Dunsborough.

A corporate teams category will also see up to one hundred WA companies vying for

the title of Corporate Adventure Race Champions.

A powerhouse line up of WA competitors likely to challenge include Olympic rowers Stuart Reside and Sally Newmarch, triathlete hotshot Sean O'Neill and world champion paddler Ash Nesbit. Amongst the many other big names likely to feature, former Multiplex CEO Tim Roberts will be casting off the suit and tie to mix it in the open male category.

Sponsored by adventure retailer Anaconda, the first Anaconda Adventure Race in WA took place in Dunsborough in September 2006 with over 800 competitors. An Outdoor Adventure Expo and a big focus on family entertainment helped to make the first race a huge success, and an even bigger and better show is planned for this year.

For further information, go to www.AnacondaAdventureRace.com or contact Race Director Tom Smitheringale of Rapid Ascent on 0400 668 867 or email tom@rapidascent.com.au.



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2007 Red Bull Air Race

The final event on the 2007 Red Bull Air Race World Series calendar will take place above Perth's Swan River on 3 and 4 November.

Now in its third year, the 2007 Red Bull Air Race World Series will take place in ten different venues around the world, for the second year in a row culminating with the final event in Perth.

Some 300,000 spectators are expected to watch the event from vantage points along the river foreshore.

The world's most talented pilots will compete against each other in a race based on speed, precision and skill. The challenging course consists of low flying with tight turns through a slalom course of specially designed 'air gates' in an individual race against the clock, then the two fastest pilots go head to head in the final.

Live commentary, music and big screens will help create a festive atmosphere, as well there will be aviation acts and a static air display and of course Saturday morning's 'Paddock Walk' giving everyone the opportunity to see the pilots and the aircraft up close.

Leschenault Lady back in Boyanup

In April, the front bar of Boyanup's Bull and Bush Tavern emptied to watch a sight quite rare – a locomotive on the back of a truck. As the interested locals watched, the Lady slowly edged her way down the sloping deck of the truck and was hooked onto Jardee for a final tug to get her off, then was hauled into the grounds of the museum.

Since then, she has sat proudly in the yard waiting for a spot in the roundhouse so that the necessary repairs can be carried out. Hopefully she will be in running order by the end of 2008.

In the mean time Dave Hockey's ADG class railcar has burst into life after a long dormant period to join Jardee and TA 1807. Terry Coleman has almost finished the exterior renovation of ACM 391 and Ross Booth has applied the undercoat – unfortunately, the wet weather has slowed down progress on the painting. Local electrician Rainer Beelitz has been assisting by checking and repairing the battery chargers needed to get the diesel locomotives operating.

A Boyanup Museum Redevelopment Committee has been formed and in June it recommended they be authorised to engage contractors, purchase materials, dispose of items, arrange busy bees and report its actions to the meetings of the Boyanup Foundation. The emphasis of the museum will be on the rail aspect, ultimately with an operating tourist train, but also include the area's traditional industries and social



history. The redevelopment will be carried out in three stages, with the roundhouse end of the grounds being first. The committee is also looking for suggestions for a new name for the museum.

If anyone is interested in painting wagons or smaller items, please contact Ian Carne on 9796 1681. A small work crew is in operation on most Sundays.

The Australind celebrates its 60th birthday on 24 November and plans are afoot to host celebrations at the museum on Sunday, 25 November. It is anticipated that diesel locomotive XA 1402 will have been transferred from Bassendean by then, along with guard's van ZJ 270, and, together with the carriages already at the museum, will make up a mini Australind, 1960s style, for people to inspect.

Regular meetings of the Boyanup Foundation are held and they would love to see you there to have your input into the redevelopment of the museum. For more information contact Norm Chapple on 9731 5015.

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2007 Fremantle Festival

16–25 November

The Fremantle Festival is a celebration of the unique cultures that depict community life in and around the port city of Fremantle.

The 2007 Festival's theme is 'Wind' and starts on Saturday 17 November on The Esplanade, with the Wardarnji Aboriginal Cultural Celebration. This free event aims to raise the profile of indigenous people, encourage reconciliation and highlight the importance of Fremantle in local Nyoongar heritage.

On Sunday 18 November Fremantle's streets will quite literally come alive with the Lotterywest Street Parade. Expect a dazzling procession of innovatively-crafted floats and colourful, costumed characters parading along the streets.

The City of Fremantle offers creative and financial support to encourage community groups to be involved in the parade. Professional artists have been enlisted to assist groups develop their ideas for floats and costumes and some funding for materials is available.

The Carnival, which commences straight after the Street Parade, is a highlight of the Festival. The South Terrace Cappuccino Strip comes alive with street art, buskers, bands, food and an array of activities. The amazing Bhangra Street Party will keep everyone dancing on til after dark.

Bhangra is a fusion of classical Indian and techno music that will help create Fremantle's very own 'Bollywood'.

A partnership between the City of Fremantle and Dreamscape Productions will see Fremantle's Town Hall and Kings Square transformed into Festival Square. Activities, performances and workshops will take place in Fremantle's town centre and special themed days are being planned to suit toddlers, children and seniors.

The 2007 Fremantle Festival is a ten day event that truly celebrates the unique way of life that is 'Very Freo'.



2007 Northbridge Festival

10–11 November

The streets of Northbridge will once again be filled with the strange and unexpected for two days during the 2007 Northbridge Festival, presented by the City of Perth and produced by Northbridge-based Artrage.

James Street, the Northbridge Piazza and nearby areas will be transformed into a moving canvas of colour and entertainment where anything is possible. A quirky, carnival-style environment has been specifically designed by Artrage for the festival, to capture the unique diversity and excitement of Northbridge.

Working in partnership, the City of Perth and Artrage plan to present a wonderland of performances, spectacles and festival experiences with activities ranging from fun for the young and young at heart, through to in-your-face showstoppers for those looking for unique contemporary experiences.

Melbourne-based performance company Strange Fruit will dazzle the crowd with two shows featuring performers perched on four metre high flexible poles. They will perform by bending and swaying in the air, captivating and engaging the audience.

The festival will also feature an instant cinema in a park, roving street performers and a street market filled with food, art and boutique wares from retailers within, near and beyond the precinct, and opportunities to sample the best cuisine from the restaurants along James Street.

Audiences will have the opportunity to experience unforgettable views from one of the highest buildings in the precinct as part of the 'Secrets of Northbridge' competition, providing a birds-eye view as the festival takes place below. For more information visit www.northbridgefestival.com.au.



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Monday Lunch Salad

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200g cold roast beef, chopped
2 medium leftover roast potatoes, chopped
1 teaspoon capers
Handful green beans, sliced
1/4 lemon
1/2 punnet cherry tomatoes, halved
Handful each coriander and mint leaves
Salt and pepper to taste
Olive oil

Now, what to do

Divide tomatoes and herbs between two bowls.
Season to taste. Add beef.

Add a little olive oil to a frying pan, turn heat to medium. Add potatoes, beans and capers, heat until potatoes are warm and beans are cooked.
About halfway through, add the juice of the quarter lemon into the pan.

When veges are cooked as desired, drizzle a little extra olive oil into each bowl, add warm veges (including pan juices) and serve.

If there are no leftover potatoes, you can substitute freshly steamed potatoes. Other roast vegetables such as sweet potato, turnip or pumpkin would also be fine.

Recipe submitted by Thomas Kingsley from Joondalup.

Do you have a favourite recipe you'd like to share? Email transwa@countrywide.com.au

2007 Pink Ribbon Day – 22 October

The Pink Ribbon is the symbol of support for the many women who have been affected by breast cancer globally. Pink Ribbon Day is an annual event held by The Cancer Council.

Established in 1994, Pink Ribbon Day is aimed at increasing awareness about breast cancer and raising funds for breast cancer research, education programs, and support services.

Cancer Council pink ribbons are available for purchase at any of the following locations: Amcal, BeMe, Best & Less, Big W, Crossroads, Curves, Laura Ashley, Maggie T, Medicare Australia, Miller's Fashion Club, Rockmans and Wombat.

The Cancer Council funds breast cancer research, plus a number of important breast cancer support services, such as Breast Cancer Support Groups (breast cancer survivors trained as volunteers providing advice and support to newly diagnosed patients and their families).

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in women and the leading cause of cancer death in Australian women. One in nine Australian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by the age of 85.

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COACH SERVICE Perth to Bunbury

EAST PERTH	●	
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Kwinana	●	23km (0:20)
Rockingham	●	12km (0:15)
	●	36km (0:26)
Mandurah	●	10km (0:06)
Falcon	●	27km (0:18)
Lake Clifton	●	18km (0:10)
Settlers Roadhouse	●	36km (0:22)
Australind	●	12km (0:20)
BUNBURY	●	

The coastal suburb of **Kwinana** has a unique wetland system which houses hundreds of species of local wildlife and vegetation. Boardwalks and nature trails through The Spectacles Wetlands provide opportunities to observe possums, kangaroos and wallabies in their natural habitat.

Named for the ship which ran aground on the beach of the present-day suburb in 1830, **Rockingham** was one of the earliest settlements in Western Australia and, until the end of the 19th century, one of the state's busiest ports.

The bustling centre of **Mandurah** is renowned for its fresh outdoor climate and waterways, beaches and inlets that provide a wonderful way to pass the day swimming, fishing or boating. Being just 75km from Perth allows easy access for visitors who come to take advantage of the relaxed lifestyle and recreational activities. Mandurah is a great place to explore makes an excellent stopover for travellers heading further south. Hire a boat and cruise along glistening water where you may see wild dolphins at play, catch a meal of fresh seafood or just soak up the priceless scenery. After a day playing golf at any



COACH SERVICE Bunbury to Boyup Brook

BUNBURY	●	
Brunswick Junction	●	20km (0:35)
	●	36km (0:25)
Allanson	●	6km (0:05)
Collie	●	21km (0:17)
Mumballup	●	46km (0:23)
BOYUP BROOK	●	

Brunswick Junction, named for the Brunswick River on which it is built, is an important town in the South West's rich dairy region and a large statue of a Friesian cow stands as a monument to this industry. The township was first established as a railway junction with a line from the Collie coalfields in the east joining with the line between Perth, 160km to the north, and Bunbury, 25km to the south.

Primarily renowned for coalmining and generation of the state's power, **Collie** is situated 202km south of Perth and has many unique attractions. The Collie River which runs through the town is perfect for swimming and fishing for cobbler, trout and perch. Wellington Weir can be accessed by a bridge and is particularly spectacular at the end of winter when it overflows. The Coalfields Museum is one of the best in the South West and Finlay Gardens is a lovely place to stroll and admire colourful flower beds.

Boyup Brook is 270km south of Perth. This quiet town in WA's thriving south west is set amidst green farms, with scenery featuring many wildflowers, and

one of the world-class courses, taste superb local wines while dining at a first-class restaurant. Visit the performing arts centre for a concert, discover local art and crafts or have a coffee and a bite to eat at any one of the numerous cafes.

Lake Clifton a busy mining town for a short period until the lime mine closed in 1923, Lake Clifton itself is one of a series of salty coastal lakes within Yalgorup National Park and is home to hundreds of migrating birds including varieties from the Solomon Islands which travel great distances to breed.

Australind is bordered by the Collie River and Leschenault Inlet, thus water plays an important part in the town's attractions – sailing and windsurfing, fishing, and particularly crabbing, with the Inlet being a major source of blue manna crabs. A point of interest is the Church of St Nicholas, consecrated in 1848, and reputed to be the smallest church in WA.

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large granite boulders dotting the countryside. There are well-established wineries in the area which complement the sheep and beef farms which are the town's main industries. Events in the area include country music festivals, the Blackwood Marathon in late October and the Upper Blackwood Agricultural Show in early November.



Byford is a rural suburb on the south eastern edge of Perth, in the foothills of the Darling Scarp.

WA's first mining operation, a lead, silver and zinc mine, was established near **Mundijong** in 1846, but the town's original purpose was to service the timber industry in the surrounding hardwood forest areas.

The townsite of **Serpentine** was one of the original stations when the South Western Railway line between Perth and Picton was opened in 1893.

North Dandalup is in the centre of the foothill catchment area that supplies Perth with most of its domestic water. It has been shown on maps of the area since 1835.

Pinjarra was founded in 1833 making it one of the oldest towns in the state. One of the many fine old buildings in the area is 'Blythewood' which is classified by the National Trust and open to the public. The Hotham Valley Tourist Railway runs a steam train between Pinjarra and Dwellingup. Sections of the Bibbulmun Track wind through the area's majestic hardwood forest and along the banks of the Murray River.

Set in rich dairy farming land, **Waroona** offers trout and marron fishing waterways and bushwalking trails.

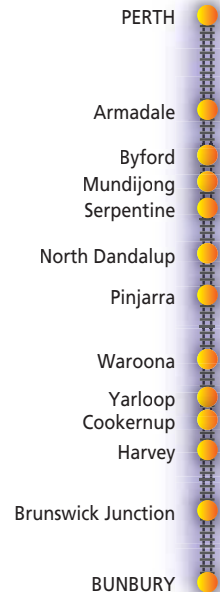
Primarily a small timber milling town, **Yarloop** also services the surrounding rich dairy and beef cattle farming area. The fascinating Yarloop Workshops Museum displays equipment used in the timber milling industry in the early 1900s.

The tiny town of **Cookernup** is close to Logue Brook Dam where the pristine waters of Lake Brockman have become popular for watersports as well as trout and marron fishing.

With a population of around 4,000 and located only 140km south of Perth, **Harvey** is a bustling rural community in the centre of WA's rich dairy farming region. Stirling Cottage is a replica of Captain James Stirling's hunting lodge, and features local history including displays on May Gibbs, author of *Snugglypot and Cuddlepie*, who grew up in the area.

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BUNBURY

First sighted by the French explorer Captain De Freycinet in 1803, Bunbury was once known as Port Leschenault. Later renamed Bunbury in honour of Lieutenant Bunbury, the city is located 180 kilometres south of Perth and surrounded by the Indian Ocean, Koombana Bay and the Leschenault Inlet. Water plays a big part in the outdoor lifestyle as it is the perfect place for swimming, surfing, fishing, crabbing, boating or watching the local dolphins at play. With a population of 28,000 Bunbury offers a complete range of services and a choice of activities whether it's a day in the countryside or shopping for a bargain in the city centre. Bunbury is the major regional centre in the South West and makes an excellent base for exploring further afield. Visitors will find a full range of accommodation available, from a five-star hotel in the city centre to beachside apartments, plentiful motels and farmstays in the rural hinterland. Local tour operators can arrange sightseeing tours, cruises, fishing, bushwalking, winery and eco tours either as day trips or extended tours to other areas of the South West.

Destinations

COACH SERVICE Bunbury to Albany via Walpole

BUNBURY	●	
Boyanup	●	18km (0:18)
Donnybrook	●	15km (0:12)
Kirup	●	17km (0:13)
Balingup	●	13km (0:10)
Greenbushes	●	8km (0:07)
Bridgetown	●	18km (0:17)
	●	35km (0:31)
Manjimup	●	32km (0:22)
Pemberton	●	30km (0:25)
Northcliffe	●	
	●	98km (1:21)
Walpole	●	25km (0:19)
Bow Bridge	●	41km (0:37)
Denmark	●	51km (0:42)
ALBANY	●	

Boyanup, in the south west agricultural region, is 195km south of Perth. The township was first gazetted in 1894 and its name is said to mean 'a place of quartz'.

Settled by Irish immigrants, **Donnybrook** is located on the banks of the Preston River. Surrounded by lush green pastures with rolling hills and jarrah forests, the town is home to the oldest and finest apple orchards in the state, as well as dairy farms and mixed fruit and vegetable farms.

Originally a siding on the Donnybrook-Bridgetown railway in the late 1800s, **Kirup** was once a timber town and producer of railway sleepers. It is now a quiet rural township at the entrance to the Blackwood River Valley.

Balingup, located 241km south of Perth is nestled within some of WA's most spectacular scenery and is a delight at any time of year. Lush green pastures and leafy environs are not the only reason the town is popular with tourists. Wineries, antiques and art and crafts are just some of the wonderful attractions to explore. Wander around the town and browse through shops stocking locally made goods like home crafts, toys and herbal products.

This historic mining and timber town of **Greenbushes** is situated between Balingup and Bridgetown on the South West Highway. At 325 metres above sea level this town is the highest point of the Darling Scarp and occupies one of WA's oldest gazetted mineral fields.

A picturesque town situated on the banks of the Blackwood River, **Bridgetown** is one of the prettiest centres in the south west of the state. Located 268km south of Perth, the town features rolling green hills, rich farmland, orchards, karri forest and spring wildflowers. Leafy parks and old-style houses are offset by the preservation of the town centre. Many buildings have been restored to their original glory including the post office, hotels and shops.

A number of annual events are centred on or around the Blackwood River, the longest continually-flowing river in WA. Walk trails with varying degrees of difficulty follow parts of the river and paddleboats and canoe tours are available. With an abundance of beautiful scenery and forest timber there are many art, craft and timber galleries showcasing the work of local artists throughout the area.

The gateway to the tall timber country in the South West of the state, **Manjimup** is framed by impressive timber arches at both entrances to the town. Whilst timber mills and plantation trees have been important to the town, Manjimup is also a producer of fruit and vegetables, being the birthplace of the Pink Lady apple.

Boasting some of the best farming land in the state, set amongst the tall timbers of mighty karri trees, the **Pemberton** area is a picturesque part of the state. Approximately four hours south of Perth you can enjoy the temperate climate, spectacular forest scenery and extensive national parks and wilderness areas surrounding the town of Pemberton. Trout fishing is available either in the ponds of licensed farms or in 300km of flowing streams. Spectacular Beedelup Falls National Park is a beautiful picnic spot, especially in spring when the surrounding forest is alive with wildflowers. The park also has a giant 400-year-old karri tree with a hole you can walk through. There are a number of wineries in this area.

Northcliffe is a small town surrounded by the karri, marri and jarrah forests of the south coast and the gateway to the extensive and unspoilt coastline of the D'Entrecasteaux National Park.

Walpole is surrounded by the Walpole-Nornalup National Park, home to magnificent karri and tingle forests and the Tree Top Walk. The Valley of the Giants site includes a boardwalk through a grove of veteran tingle trees known as the Ancient Empire, some of which are up to 16 metres in circumference at the base. The Tree Top Walk itself is a 420 metre long steel-truss walkway leading over a deep red tingle gully. This area is a paradise for bushwalkers; the Bibbulmun Track, the 963km walk trail from Perth to Albany, passes through the town. Spectacular views of the Southern Ocean are on offer from numerous scenic lookouts in the area.

The picturesque town of **Denmark** is 415km from Perth and 50km west of Albany on the south coast of WA. Nestled on the banks of the Denmark River the town is surrounded by rolling hills, rich farmland and towering hardwood forests. Wilson Inlet opens into the spectacular coastline with great swimming and surfing beaches combined with prime fishing spots. Mt Shadforth Scenic Drive offers magnificent views of the township and the surrounding coastline.



Capel is located in a dairy and beef cattle farming area. The area is emerging as a wine-growing region and there are two mineral sands mines in the shire. On the highway heading south to Busselton is Ludlow Tuart Forest, the last remaining naturally occurring tuart forest in the world.

On the sheltered shores of Geographe Bay, the popular town of **Busselton** becomes a busy location at holiday times. The town is a mecca for those who wish to relax on some of the most beautiful beaches in the state and be close to the many attractions of the region. Children can swim in the calm waters of Geographe Bay and fishing enthusiasts can enjoy snapper, pike, herring, tailor and whiting in abundance and, when in season, crabs and cobbler.

Dunsborough is the gateway to the Cape Naturaliste area, where caves and pristine beaches are highlights. The lighthouse on Geographe Bay offers spectacular views of the Indian Ocean. Dunsborough is just a short drive from many award-winning vineyards, a must for any visitor to the area.

With surf breaks known the world over as well as safe, quiet beaches and spectacular coastal scenery, **Yallingup** has always been one of WA's favourite destinations. Beneath the limestone ridge that forms the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park lies one of the world's most extensive cave systems. Ngilgi Cave is one of the region's most visited attractions.

The world-renowned wine growing region of **Margaret River** is full of attractions both natural and man-made. 278km south of Perth, visitors from all over WA, Australia and the world come to sample the many delights of this area. Blessed with a mild Mediterranean climate it offers warm, dry summers that are perfect for a range of beach activities such as swimming, surfing and fishing followed by cool winters that lend themselves to a cosy retreat from the fast pace of city life. In only three decades Margaret River has established an enviable reputation for its wine production and now produces some 10 percent of Australia's premium wines. Many wineries offer first class facilities for

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visitors, some have artists in residence and many offer entertainment on balmy summer evenings. Local chefs at the wide range of restaurants use the best ingredients from the South West and offer superb food that complements the local vintage, including indulgent cheeses produced in the dairy farmland that surround the vineyards.

Augusta is a small, picturesque, country town, located at the mouth of the Blackwood River, with coastline along both the Indian and Southern Oceans. It is the third-oldest European settlement in WA, dating back to 1830, and was named after Princess Augusta, the second daughter of King George III of England.

Lush countryside surrounds the timber town of **Nannup** in every direction. 283km from Perth, Nannup is a country town full of charm and colour, especially during the spring when tulips, daffodils and native wildflowers compete for attention. Peaceful, picturesque country retreats throughout the area offer personalised service and are ideal getaways from city life.

Boasting some of the best farming land in the state, set amongst the tall timbers of mighty karri trees, the **Pemberton** area is a picturesque part of WA.

COACH SERVICE Bunbury to Pemberton via Augusta

BUNBURY	27km (0:24)
Capel	25km (0:24)
Busselton	26km (0:28)
Dunsborough	10km (0:09)
Yallingup	45km (0:40)
Margaret River	29km (0:20)
Karridale	16km (0:10)
Augusta	92km (1:07)
Nannup	77km (0:58)
PEMBERTON	

Busselton is a favourite holiday destination



COACH SERVICE Perth to Albany via Williams and Kojonup

EAST PERTH	30km (0:49)
Armadale	64km (0:48)
North Bannister	14km (0:10)
Bannister Crossman	12km (0:09)
Williams	40km (0:29)
Arthur River	39km (0:24)
Beaufort River	18km (0:26)
Kojonup	39km (0:20)
Tunney	38km (0:25)
Cranbrook	28km (0:25)
Tenterden	10km (0:08)
Mt Barker	27km (0:26)
ALBANY	47km (0:39)

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Armadale is one of Perth's oldest suburbs. In the foothills and at the junction of the two major routes south, the Albany Highway and the South West Highway, the area became a staging post for travellers heading out of Perth in the 1850s.

Stopping off points on Albany Highway, **North Bannister** and **Crossman** are close to the state forests where stages of Rally Australia are held.

Land around **Williams** was first settled in the 1830s and agriculture remains the primary industry of the area today, including diversified crops such as yabbies, trout and olives.

The town of **Arthur River** was settled in the early 1850s when the road between Albany and Perth was completed. Of interest is the Arthur Wool Shed,

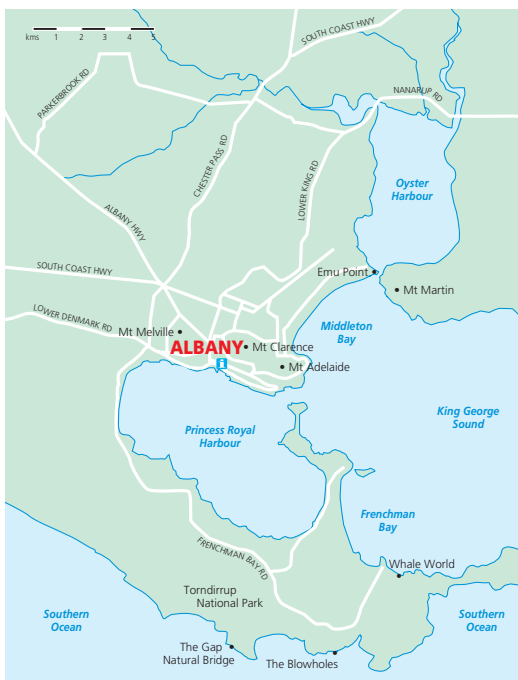
established in 1910 as a communal facility for local farmers to bring their sheep for shearing.

Kojonup has a long and proud history, stretching back centuries to the days when nomadic Aborigines were first attracted to the area by the freshwater spring and abundance of game. The name refers to the 'Kodja' or stone axe made by the Aborigines from the local stone of the area. Located 256km south east of Perth, the town is alive with pioneering history having been built as a military outpost to protect the mail run between Perth and Albany, 150km to the south. Hundreds of wildflower species are native to the area and Kojonup, which is renowned for its wild orchids, hosts an annual wildflower festival each September. The area is home to ostrich farms as well as sheep and cattle stud farms.

Cranbrook is just 10km west of the Stirling Range National Park, which can be viewed from the Sukey Hill Lookout just outside of town. The area's economy is traditionally based on dairying, but the cool climate also makes for successful vineyards. In September and October, masses of wildflowers bloom into colour in the area.

Tenterden is located in the great southern agricultural region and believed to have been named after a town of the same name in Kent, England.

In the centre of a prosperous agricultural district, **Mount Barker** is an ideal base from which to explore the surrounding picturesque area, particularly the Porongurup Range to the east and the Stirling Ranges to the north. Spring wildflowers are a major drawcard as are the ever-increasing number of wineries – much of the surrounding farmland has been given over to a burgeoning wine industry that produces premium cool climate wines.



ALBANY

Situated 409km south-east of Perth, Albany has a population of 28,000 and, as one of the state's thriving centres, it services a large agricultural area. Albany is a delightful year-round holiday destination and offers an ever-increasing number of visitors a variety of nature-based attractions such as rugged coastlines, secluded beaches, national parks, ancient ranges, forests, wineries, rivers, art and craft shops, wildflowers and whale watching. Many historical buildings around the town are attractions in themselves and have been carefully restored. Restaurants, accommodation, museums and art centres are now housed in some of Albany's most ornate sites. The city is abuzz with cafes and restaurants, bars, interesting heritage buildings, flowering pastures and pristine beaches. Museums are numerous and showcase an interesting history. Local memorabilia can be seen at the Residency Museum, the convict era can be explored by visiting the Old Gaol Museum and relics of Albany's whaling industry are reflected at Whale World. The Natural Bridge, a rock formation in the shape of a bridge, and a 24-metre drop to the water known as the Gap are two highlights of the Albany coastline in Torndirrup National Park. From vantage points around the coast, it is possible to watch dolphins and sea lions frolic in the Princess Royal Harbour and whales can be seen between July and October.

The largest town in the Avon Valley, **Northam** was founded in 1836 and boomed in the 1890s as prospectors headed from Perth to the Goldfields. Northam is a vital link in the Western Australian rail system for shipment of produce from the rich agricultural hinterland. The Avon River flows through the centre of town and is home to a colony of white swans, something of a rarity in WA.

The town of **York** is WA's most historically significant township, having been established in 1831. Many of the town's early buildings have been restored to their former glory and some, including several churches and hotels, are still used for their original purposes. A number of festivals are held annually and its close proximity to Perth makes York a popular destination.

Founded in 1838 and named after a town in Yorkshire, England, **Beverley** contains many historic buildings including the Old Courthouse and Police Station. The Town Hall and the Hotel Beverley are among the town's beautiful Art Deco buildings. The town services the local farming community which produces the expected wheat and wool as well as yabbies, emu products and olives.

Brookton is a small town 138km south-east of Perth at the centre of a rich mixed-farming area. Settled by Europeans in the mid-nineteenth century, not long after Perth itself, Brookton was one of the original stations on the Great Southern Railway. The area produces wool, meat, grains and yabbies. Attractions include the Old Railway Station and Police Museum and wildflower displays in spring.

Pingelly is an attractive town offering an insight into WA's rich colonial heritage. St Patrick's Church was built in 1871 and is still in use today and the Courthouse Museum houses local memorabilia.

192km south-east of Perth in the heart of WA's richest farming land is the town of **Narrogin**. Many of Narrogin's heritage buildings date back to the 1880s including the Old Courthouse and the Museum. 26km north of Narrogin is the Dryandra Woodland, a bird watcher's paradise with more than 90 different species. The forest is also home to many species of flora as well as numbats and kangaroos.

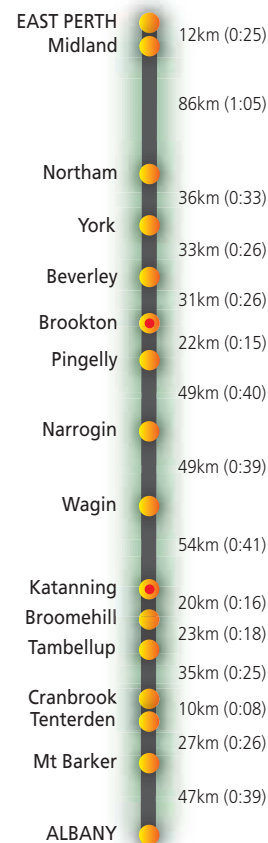
Wagin, 230km from Perth, lies in the richest part of the wheatbelt and is considered the sheep capital of WA. To prove this a giant replica ram greets visitors to the town and the annual Wagin Woolorama is the most important sheep show in WA attracting visitors from interstate and overseas.

Deriving its name from an aboriginal word meaning 'meeting place', **Katanning** is a busy town with history dating back to the mid-nineteenth century and a population brought together from a number of different origins. Chinese, Malays and Cocos and Christmas Islanders have settled in the area and a significant proportion of the community is Muslim. Some of WA's richest farmlands are spread through this region and many offer visitors unique farmstay experiences with a range of accommodation options. The town of Katanning services the farming hinterland and provides an excellent base for exploring the local district and the Stirling Ranges.

The township of **Broomehill** lies 20km south of Katanning, on the Great Southern Railway route from Beverley to Albany. In the 1890s Broomehill became the starting point of Holland's Track, a walk track followed by prospectors arriving from the port of Albany to Coolgardie and the goldfields.

The area around **Tambellup** was first settled by pastoralists in the late 1840s and the town has a rich and diverse agricultural history.

COACH SERVICE Perth to Albany via Northam and Narrogin



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Destinations

COACH SERVICE Perth to Esperance via Hyden

EAST PERTH	12km (0:25)
Midland	23km (0:16)
Mundaring	63km (0:47)
York	68km (0:54)
Quairading	66km (0:48)
Corrigin	49km (0:35)
Kondinin	23km (0:18)
Karlgarin	19km (0:14)
Hyden	124km (1:29)
Lake King	70km (0:51)
Ravensthorpe	82km (0:58)
Munglinup	108km (1:12)
ESPERANCE	

The town of **York** in the Avon Valley is WA's most historically significant township, having been established in 1831. Many of the town's early buildings have been restored to their former glory and some, including several churches and hotels, are still used for their original purposes. A number of festivals are held annually and its close proximity to Perth makes York a popular destination for tourists.

Quairading is a small wheatbelt town surrounded by farmland and natural bushlands. The town's name is derived from the aboriginal words for 'home of the bush kangaroo'.

Located in the centre of WA's wheat growing country, **Corrigin** is 230km south east of Perth on the way to Wave Rock at Hyden. Attractions include spectacular spring wildflowers, the Miniature Railway and Steam Train, which is now on display at the Rotary Park, and the Corrigin Dog Cemetery.

280km east of Perth is **Kondinin**, in the heart of grain and sheep farming country. When full, Kondinin Lake offers swimming, water skiing and windsurfing. Tourists can visit the heritage-listed Kondinin Cottage and Gardens, an outlet for antiques and traditional craftwork, as well as the well-maintained pioneer cemetery west of the town.

The **Karlgarin** area was originally a soldier settlement area and the townsite was gazetted in 1931 when the Lake Grace railway line came through.

340km east of Perth is **Hyden**, a small farming town whose claim to fame is the famous Wave Rock, one of WA's most popular natural attractions. This spectacular granite formation is 100 metres long, over 15 metres high, and over 2,500 million years old. It is streaked with vertical bands of rusty red, ochre and sandy grey, resembling the rolling movement of the sea. The aboriginal artwork found



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in the area is amongst the best in the south west of the state. Carpets of spring wildflowers surround the township during spring and more than 40 different species of bird can be found.

Kulin is a tidy small town with many natural attractions. Jilakin Rock, 24km east of Kulin, is a large grey monolith overlooking the lake where the Kulin Bush Races are held in October each year. Also to the east are Buckley's Breakaway, pinkish white sculptured rock formations which are home to a number of interesting plant species.

Lake Grace is set amidst an abundance of shallow salt lakes which occur along ancient river systems. The region also features granite rock outcrops. In spring, wildflowers in the area are prolific. A scenic lookout is located 12km out of town. Lake Grace has the only remaining Australian Inland Mission Hospital in WA and it serves as a unique reminder of how medical needs were met in days gone by.

The area around **Newdegate** was developed for agriculture in the early 1920s. Wheat, canola, oats, barley and lupins are the predominant crops and the large white 'wheat bins' can be seen throughout the area.

A small rural town on the eastern edge of the state's wheatbelt area, **Lake King** is located amongst numerous salt lakes and inland sand flats near the arid but interesting wilderness area of Frank Hahn National Park.

Located on the south eastern edge of the state's wheatbelt the old gold mining town of **Ravensthorpe** is the gateway to the Fitzgerald River National Park, a unique and spectacular wilderness area on the south coast.

20km north of the Southern Ocean the tiny township of **Munglinup** boasts a grain delivery and storage facility to service the local wheat farmers.



The coastline around Esperance is renowned for its spectacular beaches

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266km south-east of Perth, **Dumbleyung** is located near the shores of Lake Dumbleyung, a salt lake which is one of the largest semi-permanent stretches of inland water in Western Australia. It is a popular venue for water sports and much of the area is reserved for bush walks and bird watching.

Woodanilling is a charming townsite in the Great Southern region which services the surrounding wheat and sheep producing area.

The busy town of **Katanning** services the surrounding farmland and is an excellent base for exploring the local district and the Stirling Ranges.



316km south-east of Perth, the township of **Broomehill** lies on the Great Southern Railway route from Beverley to Albany. In the 1890s Broomehill became the starting point of Holland's Track, a walk track followed by prospectors from the port of Albany to Coolgardie and the Goldfields.

South-east of Perth and north of the Stirling Range National Park is the town of **Gnowangerup**, home of some of Australia's finest merino sheep studs. The picnic area in the centre of town features the remains of an historic steam tractor, one of only two of its kind left in the country. Magnificent wildflower displays can be seen from August to October.

Ongerup is a small farming town 400km south-east of Perth. Attractions include the Ongerup Museum and the new Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre, an environmental centre based on the mallee environment and the threatened malleefowl. The town's name is derived from the aboriginal word 'Yongerup' meaning place of the kangaroo.

Located on the north west tip of the Fitzgerald River National Park, 450km south-east of Perth, **Jerramungup** is a wheat and sheep farming town which began life as a war service settlement in 1953.

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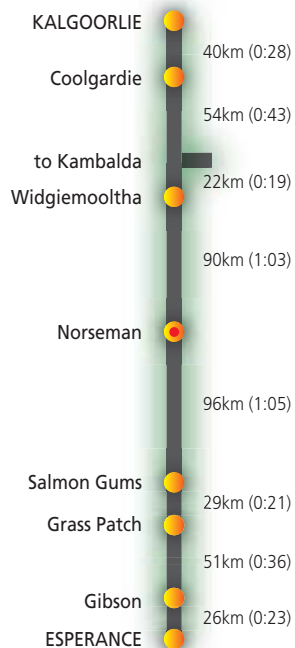
ESPERANCE

Esperance is blessed with a temperate climate, spectacular coastal scenery, extensive national parks and magnificent snow white beaches. The only port in the south-east of WA, Esperance is an important agricultural town, exporting around a million tonnes of grain each year. Located on Esperance Bay, the town overlooks more than 100 islands of the Archipelago of the Recherche. The brilliant blue waters of the Southern Ocean which are ideal for fishing, surfing and sailing are also home to the wreck of the ship 'Sanko Harvest', the largest accessible dive wreck in Australia. The archipelago is a Class-A nature reserve comprising more than 100 islands. The only island visitors are allowed to land on and explore is Woody Island. Southern right whales are sighted regularly along the coast from June to October. Cape Le Grand National Park is 55km east of Esperance and has walking trails, magnificent coastal scenery, abundant wildlife and wildflowers in spring.

Destinations

COACH SERVICE

Kalgoorlie to Esperance



The first findings of gold in WA in 1892 sparked the frenzied rush of people to **Coolgardie**. By 1896, following the arrival of the railway line, Coolgardie was WA's third largest town after Perth and Fremantle. A series of historical markers throughout the town document the area's history and details how many of those who came seeking fortunes found only hardship, sickness and death as the booming settlement suffered the rigours associated with inadequate housing, food and medical supplies. Coolgardie is now one of Australia's best-preserved gold mining towns where you can enjoy the thrill of panning for gold, see beautiful collections of Aboriginal art or tour a mysterious ghost town.

Widgiemooltha is an abandoned goldfields townsite whose name is believed to be related to the beak of an emu.

The town of **Norseman** is 726km east of Perth in the southern goldfields and an important stopping point for travellers between WA and the eastern states. More than 5 million ounces of gold have been extracted from the surrounding area since 1893 and although Norseman is now a modern mining town much evidence of its pioneering history remains.

Salmon Gums is located halfway between Norseman and Esperance and is named after the most common type of tree found throughout WA's wheatbelt. These trees grow well in the type of loamy soil and dry climate that is most suitable for cereal crops and most were cleared to make way for wheat and sheep farming. They are highly resistant to bushfires and grow to exceptional heights as a consequence.

79km north of Esperance, the township of **Grass Patch** was named after one of the area's first farms.

Gibson was one of the towns between Esperance and Coolgardie that sprang to life to service the prospectors arriving from Esperance by ship then just as quickly died when the rail line from Perth to Kalgoorlie was completed. The Gibson Soak Hotel is around 120 years old and still in use today.

Esperance is a popular destination for its scenic coastline, national parks and beautiful beaches. The town overlooks the Archipelago of the Recherche, a Class-A nature reserve. Southern right whales are sighted regularly along the coast from June to October.



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Set on the banks of the Avon River, **Toodyay** was originally named Newcastle. The old township of Toodyay (now known as West Toodyay), about 3km downstream from the present town, was plagued by persistent flooding. In 1860, the Town of Newcastle was proclaimed on the site of the Convict Hiring Depot established since the early 1850s. Newcastle was renamed Toodyay in 1910 to avoid postal confusion with Newcastle in New South Wales.

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Cunderdin is a small central wheatbelt town 156km east of Perth. Its name is derived from the aboriginal name of a nearby hill. The railway to Southern Cross was constructed through here in 1894-95, and **Tammin** was one of the original stations when the line opened in 1895.

200km east of Perth is the wheatbelt town of **Kellerberrin**, a springtime haven for wildflowers. Nearby Mt Stirling is a relatively easy climb, offering panoramic views of the countryside. Kokerbin Hill, 30km south of the town, is a prominent granite outcrop with an access road almost to the top.

260km east of Perth on the Perth-Kalgoorlie railway line, **Merredin** is the regional centre of the eastern wheatbelt. The old railway station, built in 1920, is now one of the town's museums. Learn about the role of the wheatbelt in World War II at the Military Museum, visit the heritage Cummins Theatre or explore Merredin Peak. Comfortable accommodation, cafes, art gallery, parks and shops can all be found in close proximity to the railway station. In the wildflower season tours depart daily into the countryside to see the beautiful everlastings and orchids of the region.

The small towns of **Moorine Rock**, **Bodallin**, **Carrabin** and **Burracoppin** all came into existence as sidings when the railway line to the Goldfields was established in the late 1800s. The surrounding areas were developed for agriculture by the 1930s and these towns became service centres for the local wheatbelt farmers. Small scale gold mining and mineral exploration continues today throughout the region and wildflowers attract tourists in spring.

Southern Cross is 370km east of Perth and was an important stop for prospectors in the late 1800s. Several gold mines surround the town, and evidence of its colourful past can be seen in the town's streetscape.

An abandoned gold mining town, **Bonnie Vale** is the closest railway station to the town of Coolgardie.

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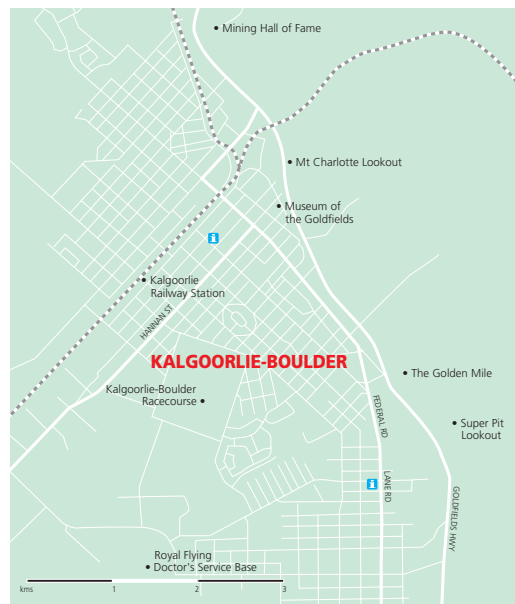
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RAIL SERVICE Perth to Kalgoorlie The Prospector

EAST PERTH

Midland

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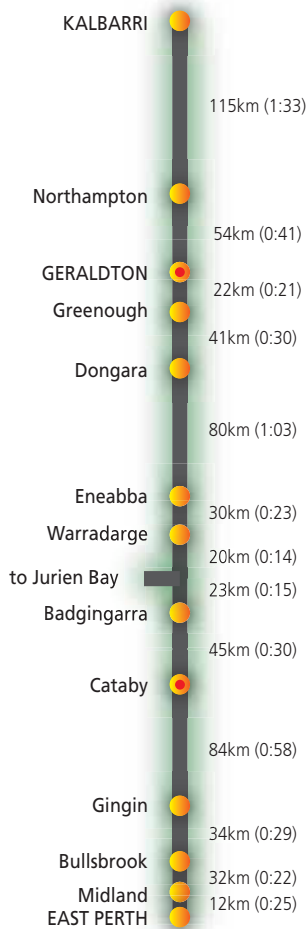
Southern Cross

Bonnie Vale

KALGOORLIE

Destinations

COACH SERVICE Perth to Kalbarri via Eneabba



Gingin, located just 84km north of Perth, is a popular day trip destination from Perth. The surrounding agricultural area is mainly used for grazing, although olive and tree farming operations are venturing into the area and hobby farms are increasing.

Cataby, a small township on the Brand Highway, was originally known as West Dandaragan. Mineral sands mining began here in 1989.

The name **Badgingarra** is believed to mean 'water by the manna gums'. Badgingarra National Park, to the west of the small townsite, was established to protect the wildflowers that grow there in great numbers.

Warradarge is in a wildflower rich area with unique year-round flowers.

278km north of Perth on the Brand Highway, **Eneabba** is an industrial-based town famed for its mineral sands mines, the area containing more than 80 percent of the world's known supply of rutile, a major source of titanium. Recently discovered are deposits of natural gas and possibly oil.

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The town of **Northampton** was gazetted in 1864 to service the surrounding mining area, copper and lead having been discovered some years earlier. A convict hiring station was established to overcome the shortage of labour and evidence of the area's early history has been well-preserved.

Kalbarri is a popular winter holiday destination on the banks of the Murchison River, adjacent to Kalbarri National Park, 592km from Perth.

GERALDTON

425km north of Perth, Geraldton is often referred to as the 'Sun City' due to its year-round holiday climate. The region is rich in history, dating back to 1629 when the Dutch ship *Batavia* was wrecked off the coast and two survivors became Australia's first European settlers. Approaching Geraldton from the south you will see huge grain silos, and heading in to town, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, located on Cathedral Avenue, is an awe-inspiring Byzantine-style cathedral built in the early twentieth century. Off the coast the Abrolhos Islands form a unique coral reef that provides an aquatic paradise for scuba diving, snorkeling and fishing, with warm, clear waters and prolific marine and birdlife. Geraldton is home to WA's thriving rock lobster industry and the freshest seafood is served at local restaurants.

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With a mild climate and beautiful beaches it's a haven for swimming, canoeing, fishing and bushwalking and offers excellent facilities for tourists. The Murchison River carves through rugged gorges of the national park providing excellent bush walks and scenic lookouts. Tour operators offer scenic tours, horse riding and canoe tours of the area. More than 2,000 species of wildflower are native to the region. From August to October you can wander through sprawling fields of everlasting daisies, banksias and kangaroo paws.



COACH SERVICE Perth to Geraldton via Mullewa and Northam



Spring wildflowers

The largest town in the Avon Valley, **Northam** was founded in 1836 and boomed in the 1890s as prospectors headed from Perth to the Goldfields of Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie. Northam is a vital link in the Western Australian rail system for shipment of produce from the rich agricultural hinterland. The Avon River flows through the centre of town and is home to a colony of white swans, something of a rarity in WA. In August each year, Northam comes alive with the Avon Descent, the annual white water rafting event for canoes and motor boats.

Goomalling is located in the wheatbelt north-east of Perth. The district supports lupin, wool, beef cattle and pig farming. Located only 130km from Perth, halfway between Northam and Toodyay, it is an ideal base for viewing the spring wildflowers which bloom in the area. The Benedictine Monks of New Norcia held extensive grazing rights in the area in the mid 19th century, and the town retains several interesting buildings from the pioneering era.

Wongan Hills is a small wheatbelt town named for the nearby range of flat topped hills, the largest of which is Mt Matilda. The area boasts an amazing display of everlastings and other wildflowers in spring and is home to the relatively rare guinea fowl.

A small rural town in the wheatbelt of WA, the streets of **Ballidu** are named for varieties of wheat.

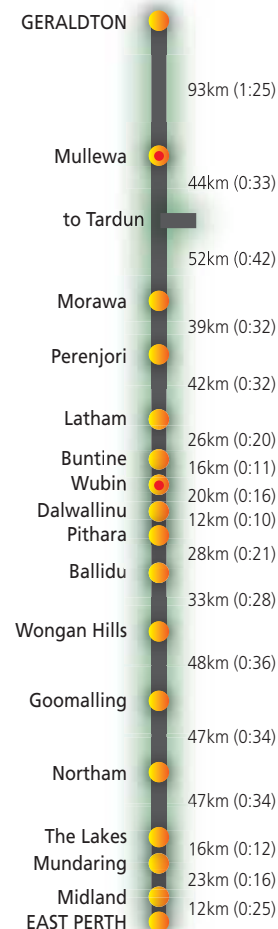
250km north-east of Perth is **Dalwallinu**, a wheatbelt town whose name means 'a place to wait a while'. The town is at its most active during the months of August to November, the height of the wildflower season.

The tiny town of **Wubin** is 272km north-east of Perth on the edge of the vast station country and close to the Rabbit Proof Fence.

The enormous silos seen in the area surrounding **Perenjori** are testament to the size of the local wheat crop. Emus, kangaroos and large flocks of cockatoos are common and black swans can be seen on the nearby salt lakes. Spectacular displays of wildflowers can be enjoyed from August to November

370km from Perth **Morawa** is a small wheatbelt town. The first iron ore to be commercially mined in WA came from Morawa.

The town of **Mullewa** is 451km from Perth in the heart of the Murchison. A popular destination for wildflower admirers each spring, the Mullewa district also has interesting natural features such as the Coalseam National Park with its magnificent views of the Irwin River and the fascinating Bindoo Hill, a reminder of the glaciers which once covered this region.



Avon River, Northam

Destinations

COACH SERVICE Perth to Geraldton via Moora

GERALDTON	●	
Greenough	●	22km (0:20)
	●	41km (0:29)
Dongara	●	
	●	53km (0:39)
Mingenew	●	
	●	52km (0:38)
Three Springs	●	23km (0:18)
Carnamah	●	28km (0:20)
Coorow	●	
	●	51km (0:37)
Watheroo	●	
	●	51km (0:31)
Moora	●	
	●	57km (0:43)
New Norcia	●	47km (0:38)
Bindoon	●	38km (0:28)
Bullsbrook	●	32km (0:24)
Midland EAST PERTH	●	12km (0:25)

Bullsbrook is a small town located in the Chittering Valley adjacent to the Pearce RAAF base.

Bindoon is located in the Chittering Valley, 80km north of Perth along the Great Northern Highway. Farming in the area is diverse and includes vineyards, citrus fruits, sheep and cattle properties, as well as race horse studs. The region also features forests of wandoo, marri and jarrah and spectacular spring wildflowers. It was first explored by European settlers in the 1830s but did not officially become a town until after the second world war.

New Norcia is a most unique township having been founded by Benedictine monks in 1846. The original buildings served first as an aboriginal mission then to accommodate students from the surrounding rich farming area and now house one of WA's richest art collections. Guided tours of the town's most interesting buildings are available.

The town of **Moora** services a farming area which produces wheat, oats, barley and wool. The Berkshire Valley Folk Museum, 19km east of the township, has been beautifully restored and is well worth seeing.

Watheroo was one of the original stations on the Midland to Walkaway railway line when it opened in 1894.

Coorow is a small rural town located 300km north-east of Perth on the grain handling railway line between Geraldton and Midland.

The agricultural town of **Carnamah** is located 290km north of Perth, on the Midlands Road between Moora and Dongara. Settled by the MacPherson family in the 1880s, the name of the town means 'cattle rock' in their Scottish clan. The original MacPherson homestead has been restored by the local historic society. The region is noted for its wildflower season, with carpets of colour stretching to the coast. The nearby Yarra Yarra Lakes are an intermittent salt lake system renowned for migratory birdlife and unusual coloured waters.

Three Springs is a small picturesque town in a mixed grain and grazing area at the centre of the north midland area agricultural region. The natural springs to the north east of the townsite were invaluable to the early settlers and drovers, hence the town's name.

The first coal was found in WA at **Mingenew** in 1846 and although short lived, mine workings can still be seen in the area. The town services the local wheat-sheep farming district.

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Benedictine Cathedral, New Norcia

The town of **Mullewa** is 451km from Perth in the heart of the Murchison. A popular destination for wildflower admirers each spring Mullewa also has interesting natural features including evidence of ancient glacial activity.

Gold was discovered in the area in the early 1890s, and although originally spelt 'Yalgu' meaning 'blood', the town of **Yalgoo** was officially gazetted in 1938.

Mount Magnet is the oldest surviving gold settlement of the Murchison and farming and gold mining remain the most important industries today.

Once the most important mining town in the midwest, **Cue** now has a population of around five

hundred. The town is located on the Great Northern Highway, 640km north of Perth. Many of the town's buildings are of historic interest, including the old gaol, Masonic Lodge, primary school and Catholic church. Local legend says that the town's ruined hospital is haunted. An extensive gallery of Aboriginal paintings can be found at Walga Rock, 30km west of the town.

Once a thriving gold mining town, **Meekatharra** became a service centre for the district's pastoralists and station owners and a regional base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service when the gold dwindled. In recent years interest in gold mining has been renewed with open cut mines commencing production.



Spring wildflowers

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Wyalkatchem is 190km from Perth in the central wheatbelt area of WA. The town has two museums detailing the pioneering history of the area and the challenges faced by early settlers.

Located 156km north-east of Perth, **Dowerin** is a small agricultural town famous for its annual field

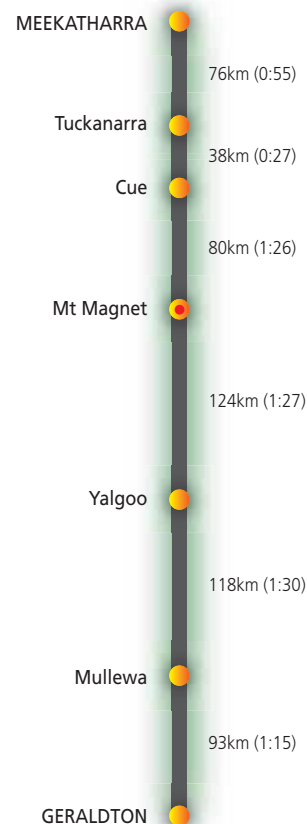
days held in August. This is claimed to be the southern hemisphere's largest display of agricultural machinery and technology and, each year, attracts around 60,000 people to the town.

235km north-east of Perth in the wheatbelt region, **Koorda** is the regional office for cereal grain transport in the area, with a modern complex handling a vast quantity of produce. The Shire has adopted the corn dolly as its emblem, and the art of making these figures from wheat stalks is taught in the district.

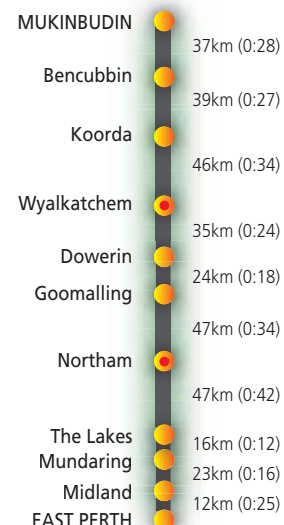
A small rural town in the wheatbelt of WA, **Bencubbin** derives its name from Gnylbencubbing, the aboriginal name for nearby Mt Marshall.

Mukinbudin is located 296km north-east of Perth in WA's wheatbelt region. Its name is believed to mean 'place of the boodie rat's nest'. Rocky granite outcrops with names like Berringbooding and Yanneymooning come alive with spring wildflowers including native orchids, acacias and grevilleas.

COACH SERVICE Geraldton to Meekatharra



COACH SERVICE Perth to Mukinbudin



Calendar of Events

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Camels, Cars and Compasses



Spring in the Valley



British Auto Classic 2007



Anaconda Adventure Race

to 14 Oct	Southern Art and Craft Trail More than 60 exhibitions, open studios and galleries showing local art and craft. Various locations throughout the Great Southern region Ph: 9844 7914
to 28 Oct	Spring in the Avon Transwa's AvonLink takes you on a day trip to experience the magical Avon Valley and the many events offered by local communities. Advance bookings advised. East Perth to Toodyay and Northam Ph: 1300 662 205
to 18 Nov	Howzat! Western Australians and Cricket Celebrating the history and humour of cricket in WA, both on and off the field. WA Museum, 17 Hannan St Kalgoorlie Ph: 9021 8533
to 26 Nov	Meryl Bell – From the Woodlands Discover the unique beauty of native Australian flora through the eyes of one of Australia's foremost still life floral artists. Australian Mining Hall of Fame, Goldfields Hwy Kalgoorlie Ph: 9026 2700
to 26 Nov	Camels, Cars and Compasses 150 years of geological mapping in WA showing how our geological understanding of the 'million miles' state has evolved to this day. Includes both originals and digitally enhanced copies of the older more fragile maps. Australian Mining Hall of Fame, Goldfields Hwy Kalgoorlie Ph: 9026 2700
6 Oct on	Collie Country Markets First Saturday of each month 8am–noon. Stalls are all under cover and offer a great range of local produce, bric-a-brac and many other interesting items. Collie Showgrounds, Bridge St Collie Ph: 9734 3997
6–16 Oct	Educating Rita A charming human comedy starring Lisa Chappell (McLeod's Daughters) and David Downer (All Saints). Geraldton Ph: 9956 6662; Perth Ph: 9484 1133; Mandurah Ph: 9550 3900; Bunbury Ph: 9792 3111
7–21 Oct	Avon Valley Spring Chamber Music Festival A series of three concerts – 'Heavenly Harmonies', 'Spring Serenade' and 'Pastoral Pleasures'. Toodyay and York Ph: 9484 1133
12–22 Oct	Rally West 2007 Australia's premier rally for veteran and vintage vehicles, a touring event open to any motor vehicle manufactured before December 31, 1930. Albany to Perth Ph: 9448 2120 www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au
13–14 Oct	Spring in the Valley This is one of Australia's largest regional food, wine and arts festivals with produce to taste and lots of live entertainment to enjoy. Assorted venues, Swan Valley Ph: 9379 9400
	Annual Toodyay Agricultural Show A large array of entertainment for patrons of all ages including animals, music, equestrian events and rides and sideshow. Toodyay Town Oval, Toodyay Ph: 9574 2465
13–23 Oct	The Bachelors The Irish group had 17 hit records in the UK charts throughout the 1960s. Bunbury Ph: 9792 3111; Kalgoorlie Ph: 9088 6900; Albany Ph: 9841 1661; York Ph: 9641 1301
18 Oct	Linkin Park At long last Linkin Park return to storm stages, getting heads banging, feet stomping and bodies rocking. Burswood Dome, Great Eastern Hwy Burswood Ph: 13 28 49
19–20 Oct	Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Features the latest Indigenous films from Australia and around the world including shorts, feature films and documentaries. All screenings are free. Orana Cinema Cnr Marine Tce & Fitzgerald St Geraldton Ph: 9965 0568

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22 Oct	Pink Ribbon Day An annual event that aims to increase awareness about breast cancer and raise funds for breast cancer research, education programs and support services. Ph: 9212 4333 www.pinkribbonday.com.au
26-27 Oct	Harvey Dickson's Rodeo Enjoy the music at the Rodeo Shindig and watch heart-pumping rodeo action. Harvey Dickson's Country Music Centre, Arthur River Rd Boyup Brook Ph: 9765 1125
27 Oct	Pride Parade A spectacular display of visibility and diversity on the streets of Northbridge. Brisbane St, William St, James St to Russell Square, Northbridge Ph: 9427 0828
	Brunswick Show Travel on the Australind to enjoy Australia's biggest one-day show. Brunswick Showgrounds, Brunswick Ph: 0428 388 168
27 Oct-10 Nov	La Boheme WA Opera presents this compelling tale of the fragility and power of love. His Majesty's Theatre, 825 Hay St Perth Ph: 9484 1133
28 Oct	The Black Crusade Three of metal's great bands – Machine Head, Trivium and Arch Enemy. All ages. Claremont Showgrounds, Graylands Rd Claremont Ph: 9484 1133
	British Auto Classic 2007 A huge classic car display, plus loads of stalls, quality craft and produce markets, good country foods, variety show and wine and gourmet produce expo. Waroona Town Oval, Waroona Ph: 9733 4363
28 Oct-4 Nov	Seniors Week Events to recognise the contribution of seniors and challenge stereotypes. Ph: 9222 2633 www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au
28 Oct-5 Nov	Back to the Bush Reunion Kicking off this year's reunion is a 'Veterans Bull Riding Spectacular' and rodeo. Bruce Rock Ph: 9061 1143
1-18 Nov	Festival of Country Gardens The main festival from 1-5 November has 29 gardens open in the South West, in and around the towns of Balingup, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Manjimup and Nannup. The Reprise takes place on the last weekend. Ph 9761 2143 or 1800 001 357 (free call) www.countrygardens.com.au
1-25 Nov	Rent – The Musical Often considered the greatest rock musical of modern times. Bunbury Entertainment Centre Ph: 9792 3111 and Regal Theatre Ph: 9484 1133
2-4 Nov	Bunbury Home Show Featuring the latest in building design, lighting, flooring, appliances, airconditioning and heating, landscaping ideas and endless free advice. Eaton Recreation Centre, Bunbury Ph: 9476 9476
3-4 Nov	Red Bull Air Race The world's most talented pilots compete against each other.. Free to spectators. Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth and other riverside vantage points
4 Nov	Anaconda Adventure Race Ironmen, triathletes and everyday people will take on the challenge. Busselton Ph: 0400 668 867 www.AnacondaAdventureRace.com
5-26 Nov	Wild Earth Images by Richard Smyth Landscape and wildlife photographer Smyth will exhibit a collection of photographic canvases and framed panoramic pictures from scenes around WA. Aspects of Kings Park, Fraser Ave Kings Park Ph: 9480 3900
8-17 Nov	Singing In The Rain Local performer recreate the comedy, grace and charm of the 1920s. Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Ormsby Tce Mandurah Ph: 9550 3900

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Red Bull Air Race



Jalbrook Concert



Come Camp with BIG4



Wild Earth Images

9 Nov	Come Camp with BIG4 An opportunity for new and seasoned campers alike to enjoy a free night of camping – just register online and join in the festivities. Ph: 1800 632 444 www.big4.com.au
10 Nov	Rock n Roll Into The Setting Sun Enjoy music from the 1950s and 60s in the bush, under the stars. Kuringal, approx 20 km south of Cunderdin Ph: 9625 1163
10–11 Nov	Blues at Bridgetown An all-embracing and diverse range of blues music. Bridgetown Ph: 9761 2921 www.bluesatbridgetown.com
	Northbridge Festival Northbridge will be transformed into a moving canvas of colour and entertainment, where anything is possible. Assorted venues, Northbridge Ph: 9461 3368
11 Nov	A Day on the Green featuring Jimmy Barnes Hits from Barnesy's 30 year career, with Vanessa Amorosi and Mahalia Barnes. Sandalford Wines, 3210 West Swan Rd Caversham Ph: 9374 9374
13–18 Nov	Regurgitator – the Amore Paranoia tour With special guests New Pants and I Heart Hiroshima. Perth, Bunbury and Dunsborough Ph: 9484 1133
16–17 Nov	Collie Agricultural Show Enjoy a great day out at a country show. Collie Showgrounds, Collie Ph: 9734 5543
16–18 Nov	Australian 4WD and Adventure Show All the vehicles and accessories plus demonstrations and family entertainment. McCallum Park (near the Causeway) Victoria Park Ph: 1800 225 226
16–25 Nov	2007 Fremantle Festival A celebration of the unique culture that makes Fremantle what it is today. Assorted venues, Fremantle Ph: 9432 9888
17 Nov	Bryan Ferry and Joan Armatrading live in concert With special guest Daryl Braithwaite. Perth Zoo, Labouchere Rd South Perth Ph: 13 61 00
	Mt Barker Community Fair A family fun day out with vintage cars, kids' train rides, arts and craft and more. Memorial Rd, Mt Barker Ph: 9851 1886
17–28 Nov	A Celebration of Food, Wine and Roses Magnificent displays of roses plus market stalls showcasing award-winning local produce, wines, and gardening related products. Foreshore Park, Brockman St Nannup Ph: 9756 3091
18 Nov	Avondale Harvest Festival See harvesting in action, experience rural activities and feel part of the community. Avondale Farm, Waterhatch Rd Beverley Ph: 9646 1004
24 Nov	Jalbrook Concert – 'Marina and Michael' Marina Prior, one of Australia's leading divas, appears with Michael Cormick. Jalbrook, Lot 1 Jayes Rd Balingup Ph: 9764 1616
	The Club Watch the culture of an Australian sporting club tackles a takeover by the mighty dollar. Starring John Woods from Blue Heelers. Geraldton Ph: 9956 6662; Thornlie Ph: 9493 4577; Moora Ph: 9651 1401; Bruce Rock Ph: 9061 1687; Kwinana Ph: 9439 0290; Esperance Ph: 9071 1866
24–25 Nov	Equirama A weekend of spectacular horse-related activities with cutting, campdraft and polocrosse plus the region's food and wine delights. Osmington Rd, Margaret River Ph: 0427 080 039

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25 Nov	The City of Perth Great Bike Ride Are you up for the challenge, the fitness or the fun? Follow the Swan River with either a 53km (1 lap) or 106km (2 lap) course. Langley Park, Perth to Fremantle and return Ph: 9388 3343
30 Nov– 2 Mar	From Space to Place Concentrates on the ambiguities, paradoxes and contradictions that exist between space and place. Australian Mining Hall of Fame, Goldfields Hwy Kalgoorlie Ph: 9026 2700
1 Dec	An Evening On The Green with Crosby Stills & Nash It's been a long wait for fans of the legendary rock trio but their eagerly-awaited re-scheduled Australian tour has finally arrived. Kings Park Botanic Gardens, Fraser Ave Kings Park Ph: 13 61 00
2 Dec	IronMan WA A 3.8km swim in the waters of Geographe Bay is followed by 180km cycling and 42.2km running legs. Busselton Ph: 9752 1288 www.ironmanwa.com
5–6 Dec	Pop Go The Wiggles! Performing songs from their latest release, 'Pop Go The Wiggles', plus all the crowd favourites. Burswood Dome, Great Eastern Hwy Burswood Ph: 13 28 49
7–9 Dec	Lexus Cup International Golf 24 of the world's top female golfers play foursomes, fourballs and singles, as Team Asia takes on Team International, captained by Annika Sorenstam. The Vines Resort and Country Club, Verdelho Dve The Vines Ph: 9297 3000
8 Dec	Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival A variety of events with stalls and free activities in the town centre. Giblett St, Manjimup Ph: 9771 2316
	Channel 7 Christmas Pageant Perth Big and small children alike will experience the wonder of Christmas as the pageant winds its colourful way through the city. Perth Ph: 9461 3368
11 Dec	Twenty20 International Cricket – Australia v New Zealand International cricket's latest sensation comes to Perth. WACA Ground, Nelson Cres East Perth Ph: 9265 7222
15 Dec	An Evening On The Green with Lionel Richie With close to 100 million albums sold, 22 Top 10 hits plus numerous awards there are few artists in the world who can rival his success. Sandalford Wines, 3210 West Swan Rd Caversham Ph: 9374 9374
15 Dec–27 Apr	Howzat! Western Australians and Cricket WA Museum, Residency Rd Albany Ph: 9841 4844
23 Dec	IGA Carols by Candlelight Annual variety concert – families can bring a rug and a picnic and sing along to their favourite carols. Supreme Court Gardens, Barrack St Perth Ph: 9461 3368
29 Dec–4 Jan	Hyundai Hopman Cup XX This prestigious and internationally popular tennis tournament consistently attracts the world's best players to Perth. Burswood Dome, Great Eastern Hwy Burswood Ph: 9388 4755
31 Dec	New Years Eve in Mandurah Family entertainment, live music and side shows and two fireworks displays. Eastern Foreshore, Mandurah Tce Mandurah Ph: 9550 3999
	Elvis to the Max See in the New Year with the special "That's The Way It Was" show, live on stage with a string orchestra, taking you from 1969 to 1977. Burswood Theatre, Great Eastern Hwy Burswood Ph: 13 28 49



City of Perth Great Bike Ride



Avondale Harvest Festival



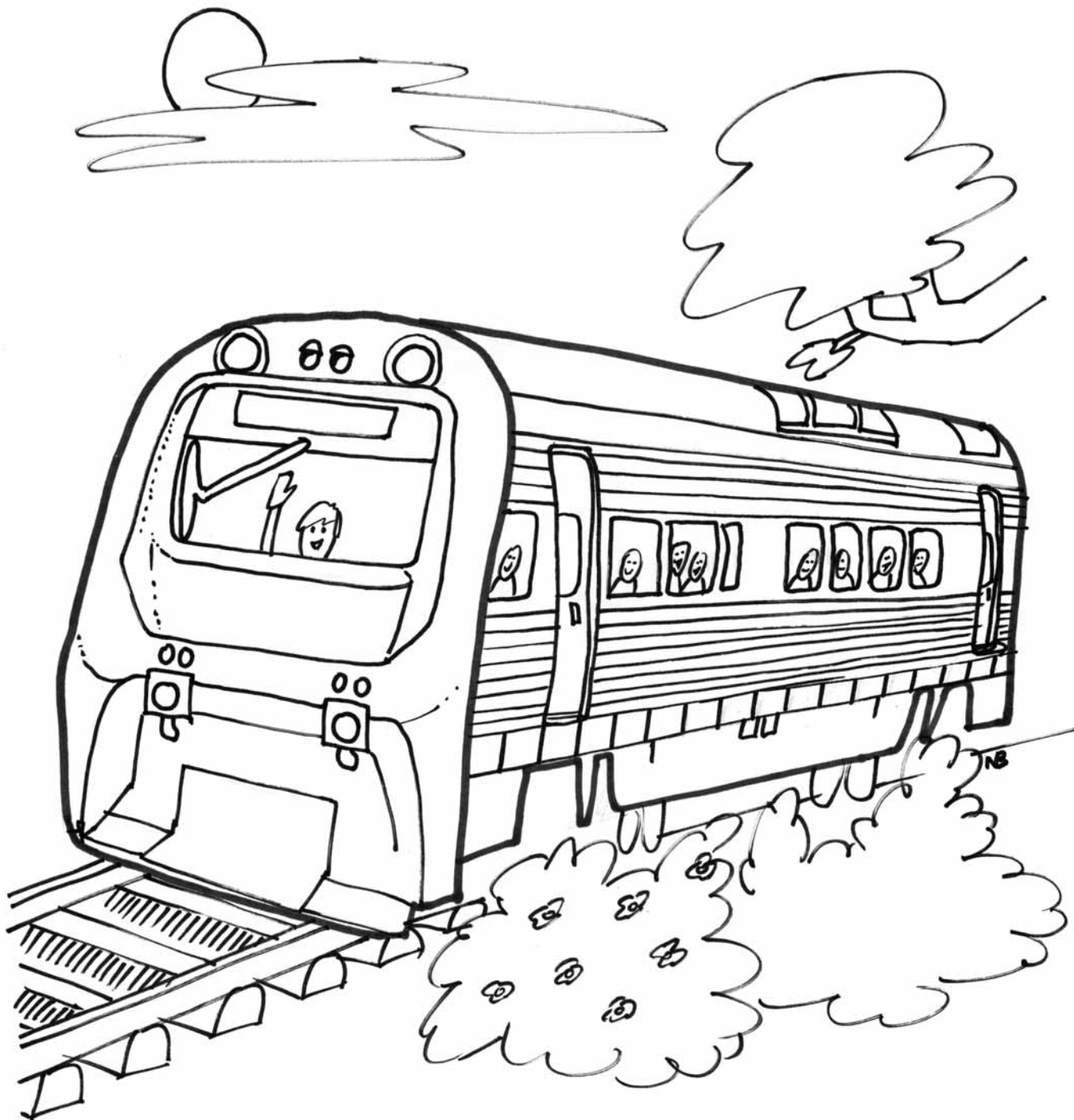
Lexus Cup International Golf



Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival

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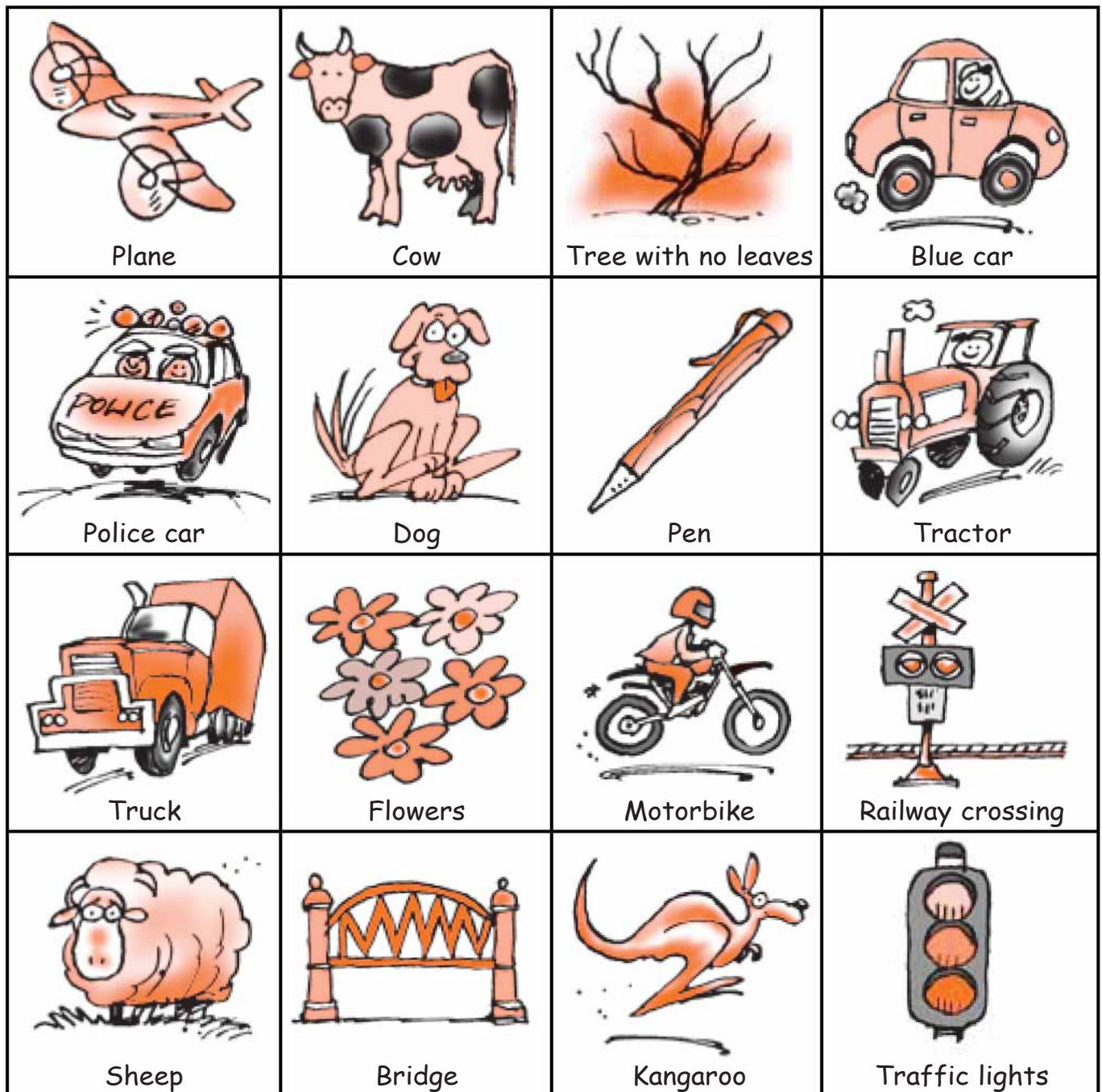
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Did you know that the longest straight section of rail track anywhere in the world is located across the Nullarbor Plain in Western Australia. The line runs dead straight for 478 km.

Travel Bingo

Below are a number of things you might see on your journey. Keep an eye out and when you spot one, colour in the matching picture. If playing with someone, the first person to see four items in a row (across, down or diagonal) is the winner!



SUDOKU

To solve the sudoku puzzle, fill the grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contains the digits 1 to 9. This puzzle's rating: ★★★ (medium).

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For solution see page 38

JUMBLLED TOWNS

Rearrange the letters to find the names of places in WA.

1. KIARPUNR
2. BLAWPIRUY
3. ANILECNL
4. NAPRUDAD
5. GAGIPNRIN
6. RHATAD

For solution see page 38

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BECOMING JANE
BIG DADDY
BOBBY
BROTHER BEAR
CAPOTE
CARS
CASINO ROYALE
COLLATERAL
CRASH
EPIC MOVIE
FREEDOM WRITERS

HAPPY FEET
I ROBOT
ICE AGE
MEN IN BLACK
MUSIC AND LYRICS
NATIONAL TREASURE
PEARL HARBOR
PERFECT STRANGER
PRICELESS
RACING STRIPES
RATATOUILLE

ROCKY
SEABISCUIT
THE CORE
THE INCREDIBLES
THE MATRIX
THE QUEEN
THE PRESTIGE
TROY
WEDDING CRASHERS
WILD HOGS

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences in the pictures below?

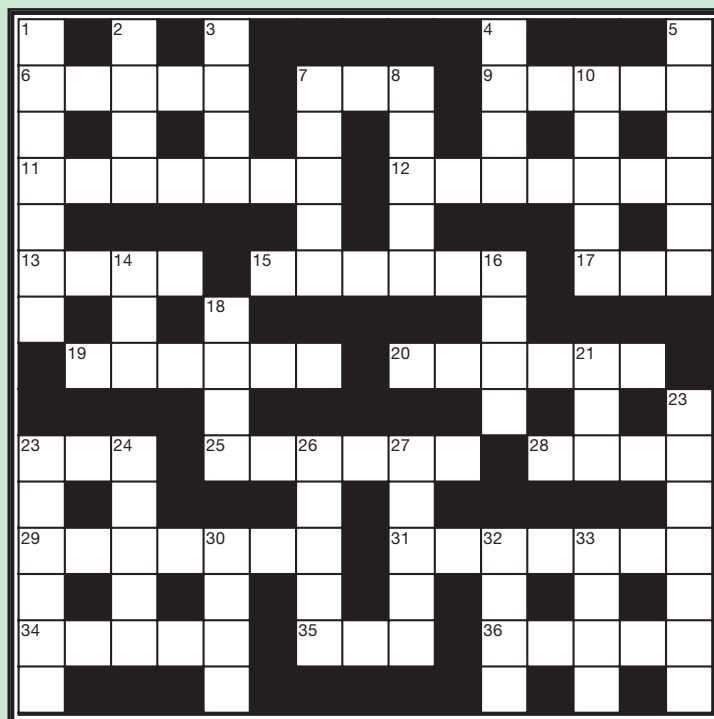


1. Sign is missing exclamation mark. 2. Snake is shorter. 3. Top of one sack is different. 4. Middle box of Yum-O's is different. 5. Kangaroo's nose is dark. 6. Kangaroo's shopping list is missing. 7. Flower jar is missing. 8. Galah's eye is dark. 9. There are more boxes on top shelf. 10. Right hand bottle on top shelf is missing cap.

QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. Which coffee chain is named after a character in 'Moby Dick'?
2. In what year was Matthew Pavlich born?
3. In what year did Pan Am Flight 103 crash over Lockerbie, Scotland?
4. What colour is zero on a traditional roulette wheel?
5. In which country is Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall?
6. Who wrote 'Lady Windermere's Fan'?
7. Which is the only nation to border Brunei Darussalam?
8. On the flags of which two countries would you find the most stars?
9. Who holds a trumpet on the 'Sergeant Pepper' album cover?
10. How many rounds are there in an Olympic boxing match?
11. Who won the Oscar for best lead actress of 2006?
12. Solid carbon dioxide is known by what name?
13. What is an Ishihara test used for?
14. Where is the dish of Eggs Benedict reputed to have been created?
15. Where in the body is the gall bladder located?
16. Which nation's internet domain code is .lk?
17. What are boa, catshank and corned beef all types of?
18. Mustardseed is a character from which of Shakespeare's plays?
19. How did musician Sonny Bono die?
20. In mythology, what societies told legends of the thunderbird?
21. In what year did Queen Elizabeth II first visit Australia?
22. What are the only two colours allowed for the ball in table tennis competitions?
23. Who won the 2005 AFL Coleman Medal?
24. Kirin is a Japanese beer; it is also the name of the mythological creature depicted on its label. What sort of creature is it?
25. Who said "Where there's marriage without love, there will be love without marriage"?
26. What is the origin of the name of Tabasco Sauce?
27. Which two US presidents has Anthony Hopkins played in film?
28. What are the four official languages of Singapore?
29. On the moon, what colour is the sky?
30. What was the name of John Travolta's character in 'Pulp Fiction'?

See page 38 for answers



Across

- 6 End abruptly
- 7 Long period of time
- 9 Road at front of house
- 11 Gain wealth
- 12 Promotional material
- 13 Recedes
- 15 Worn at the edges
- 17 A small extent
- 19 Theme song
- 20 Comment
- 23 Stroke
- 25 In charge of aeroplanes
- 28 Move from side to side
- 29 Cause events to start happening
- 31 Not normal
- 34 20th century Australian painter
- 35 Drinking vessel
- 36 Twelve dozen

Down

- 1 Examples
- 2 Pulls the train (colloquial)
- 3 Pace
- 4 The fifteenth day of March
- 5 Recycled
- 7 Mistake
- 8 Essential for a baby
- 10 Useless
- 14 Prohibit
- 16 Garbage tip
- 18 Sailing vessel
- 21 Uncooked
- 22 Part of face
- 23 Title to an invention
- 24 Test of performance
- 26 Song words
- 27 Winning suit
- 30 Absent
- 32 Desire
- 33 Japanese noodles

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ANAGRAMS

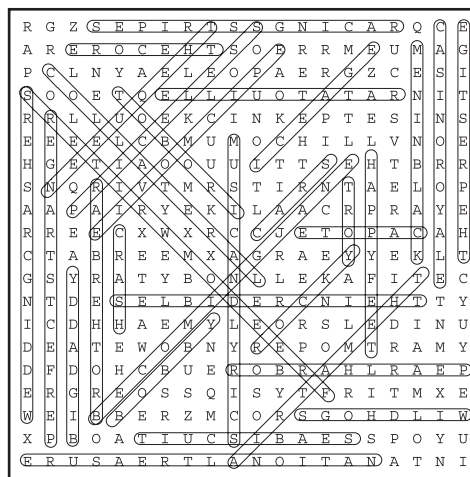
How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters below? Each letter can only be used once except E which appears three times. No proper names, abbreviations, plurals or words with apostrophes allowed.

Up to 22 words = good; 23-34 words = very good; 35+ words = excellent We got 46.

NEWDEGATE

[illegible]

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



1	9	2	4	8	3	7	6	5
5	7	6	1	2	9	8	4	3
8	3	4	5	7	6	2	1	9
2	5	1	7	6	4	9	3	8
6	8	9	3	1	2	5	7	4
3	4	7	9	5	8	1	2	6
4	1	3	8	9	7	6	5	2
9	2	5	6	4	1	3	8	7
7	6	8	2	3	5	4	9	1

CROSSWORD SOLUTION:

ACROSS

6 Abort 7 Eon 9 Drive 11 Prosper 12 Posters 13 Ebbs 15 Frayed 17 Tad 19 Anthem 20
Remark 23 Pat 25 Pilots 28 Sway 29 Trigger 31 Unusual 34 Nolan 35 Cup 36 Gross
DOWN

1 Samples 2 Loco 3 Step 4 Ides 5 Reused 7 Error 8 Nappy 10 Inept 14 Ban 16 Dump 18
Ship 21 Raw 22 Eyelash 23 Patent 24 Trial 26 Lyric 27 Trump 30 Gone 32 Urge 33 Udon

JUMBLED TOWNS:

1. Narrikup 2. Wilyabrup 3. Lancelin 4. Dardanup 5. Pingaring 6. Ardath

QUIZ QUESTIONS:

1. Starbucks 2. 1981 3. 1988 4. Green 5. Venezuela 6. Oscar Wilde 7. Malaysia
8. USA (50) and Brazil (27) 9. Ringo Starr 10. Four 11. Helen Mirren in 'The Queen'
12. Dry ice 13. To test for colour blindness 14. USA 15. At the base of liver
16. Sri Lanka 17. Knots 18. 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' 19. He skied into a tree
20. Native Americans 21. 1954 22. White and yellow 23. Fraser Gehrig (St Kilda)
24. A horned deer 25. Benjamin Franklin 26. The Mexican state in which the peppers
originated 27. John Quincy Adams in 'Amistad' and Richard Nixon in 'Nixon'
28. English, Tamil, Malay and Mandarin Chinese 29. Black 30. Vincent Vega



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Australia's largest state is a vast, majestic area covering more than 2.5 million km², bordered by 12,500 kilometres of coastline along the Indian and Southern Oceans.

PERTH

The capital of Western Australia, Perth is located in the south west corner of the state. The city covers an area of 5,400 km² and approximately 1.5 million people live here. The state's population is 1.9 million.

SHOPPING IN PERTH

Retail businesses in Perth and Fremantle city areas are open from 9:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Thursday, 9:00am to 9:00pm Fridays and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturdays plus Sunday trading from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm.

Suburban shopping centres are open from 9:00am to 5:30pm Monday to Wednesday and Friday, until 9:00pm on Thursdays and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturdays. There is usually no Sunday trading. Supermarkets may have extended trading hours and some convenience stores throughout the suburbs are open 24 hours a day.

The suburbs in and around Perth and Fremantle have many interesting markets offering a broad range of goods and an alternative experience to City shopping. Fresh produce, locally-produced handicrafts and second-hand goods are usually available and most markets have food outlets offering a range of inexpensive, tasty dishes from around the world.

RENTAL CARS

Car rental firms are plentiful throughout the City and suburbs of Perth and highly competitive rates are available.

GETTING AROUND PERTH

Perth has a comprehensive public transport system which includes a free Central Area Transit (CAT) system, a daily ferry service on the Swan River between the City and South Perth, and a suburban rail and bus network.

Suburban trains travel from Perth to Fremantle in the south west, Perth to Midland in the north east, Perth to Armadale in the south and Perth to Joondalup in the north. Connecting buses run throughout the metropolitan area.

Free City centre transport is provided by CAT buses through an area which includes all major shopping and business streets in Perth and Northbridge as well as travelling to East Perth and West Perth.

TAXIS

Perth is well-served by taxis which can be found at all major transport terminals, taxi ranks and major hotels, or they can be hailed in the street. Taxis suitable for transporting wheelchairs are also available.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Hygiene standards are high throughout Australia, particularly with respect to food preparation.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in restaurants, public buildings, office buildings, on public transport including airlines and tourist coaches or inside airports. Some accommodation businesses prohibit smoking inside and many hotels offer non-smoking floors.

CLIMATE

With a land mass of more than 2.5 million square kilometres and constituting approximately one third of the Australian continent, Western Australia has temperate, sub-tropical and tropical zones.



Perth has a temperate or Mediterranean climate with long, warm, dry summers and short, mild winters. Summer (December to March) is warm to hot with low humidity. Winter (May to September) is cool and windy.

Most of Perth's rainfall occurs between May and October. With an annual average of 8 hours' sun per day, Perth has more hours of sunshine per year than any other state capital in Australia.

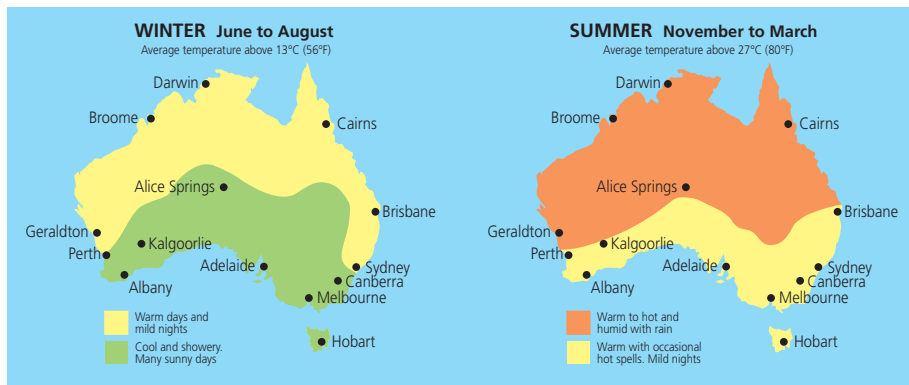
Inland, rainfall decreases and the temperature range increases. In the sub-tropical and tropical zones to the north the seasons are less well defined and are referred to as the summer 'wet' and the winter 'dry'.

SUN PROTECTION

The Western Australian sun is very intense. To avoid sunburn and skin cancer you should avoid exposure to the summer sun, especially in the middle of the day and wear a hat, sunglasses and a broad spectrum SPF 15+ sunscreen (readily available from supermarkets and pharmacies).

SWIMMING SAFETY

During the summer months popular metropolitan beaches are patrolled by Surf Life Saving Association members who use flags to indicate the safest swimming areas. In the north of Western Australia venomous box jelly fish occur in the tropical coastal waters during the wet season from October to May.



Tall Stories *By Keith Hall*

Have you ever noticed that most towns and cities have a particular feature or quality that gives the place its individual character? Perth is all about lifestyle, Corrigin has a noticeable dog theme, Monkey Mia would be lost without dolphins and Kalgoorlie is obviously golden. But sometimes the characteristic feature that defines the town is very subtle.

Take the southern coastal town of Denmark for example. You could go there quite a few times before you realised that the town's defining quality is tallness. Not that the town itself is tall – far from it. But any visit to Denmark is incomplete without a visit to the nearby Tree Top Walk in the Valley of the Giants. Walking through the tops of those tall trees is a uniquely rewarding experience.

But if you look around, you find that the trees aren't the only tall thing in Denmark. At the tourist information centre on the edge of town, you will find something so tall that it is listed in the Guinness Book of Records. Amazingly, Denmark is home to the largest (and tallest) barometer in the world. And in case you have forgotten, a barometer measures air pressure.

The obvious question is: Why is the barometer in Denmark so big? If you have a barometer hanging in the hallway at home, you will know that barometers can be quite compact. And if you did physics at school, you may have come across the slightly larger mercury barometer, in which a one metre column of mercury is held in a glass tube by air pressure.

But when barometers were first invented in the 17th century, they didn't think of using mercury – they used water instead. And since water is much lighter than mercury, the vertical column of water needed to be about 11.5 metres long. That's the type of barometer that they have in Denmark.

To fit the barometer inside the information centre, the building had to include a special 3-storey high tower. A long stairway winds around the instrument, so you can climb from the bottom to the top. This huge barometer gives a whole new meaning to the expression "high pressure".

Inspired by the tall trees and the world's tallest barometer, I decided to add one more tall thing to my recent visit to Denmark. I figured that it would be amusing to concoct a tall story. It wasn't hard to think of a suitable story; I would just pretend that I was a tourist who wanted a holiday in Denmark (Scandinavia) and came to Denmark (WA) by mistake.

So when I arrived in Denmark, I went straight to the tourist information office, walked up to the counter, and said, "This is my first time of coming to Denmark. Can you tell me where it can be seen the Lee-tle Mer-Maid and the Lego factory"? Of course, I was just slightly worried about what response I would get. After all, this could be a stale old joke in Denmark. Maybe they would they call the police and put me in the lock-up. Or threaten to hit me.

But I didn't have to worry. The friendly attendant immediately started looking for information on these two unknown local tourist attractions. However when he picked up the phone to seek more



information, it was obviously time to come clean. So I sheepishly admitted that I was pulling his leg. To my relief, he was delighted by the little joke, laughing about how easily I had fooled him.

But that wasn't the end of my tall story. I continued the theme by going into a nearby coffee shop and ordering "Coffee and a Danish pastry". The waitress looked confused and then said, "Danish, we don't have them". But my mock-horror about there being "No Danish in Denmark!" produced smiles all round. And I had an action replay at the farmhouse cheese factory just out of town I asked for "Danish blue", again without success.

However as I wandered around the town, I found that Denmark does have one real Scandinavian connection. The 19th Century wooden church in the main street was built by Norwegian workers, who gave the church its Scandinavian-style steeply pitched roof and Baltic pine interior. I had to smile at the thought of these poor Norwegians. They were probably offered a job in Denmark, and didn't realise that there is more than one Denmark in this world! Or maybe they were just like me – trying their hand at telling tall stories.

Providing rail and coach services to 275 locations in Western Australia, Transwa operates country railway passenger services between Perth and regional centres at Kalgoorlie, Northam and Bunbury and operates a coach network to Kalbarri in the north and extending south and south-east to Esperance, Albany and Augusta.



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